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WASHINGTON, Saturday, July 14.

THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The caucus to-night was in session only a brief time and adjourned at an early hour. They removed the injunction of secresy from its proceedings, and also from the proceedings of the caucus of Wednesday night. The committee appointed at the previous meeting reported that it was inexpedient to fix any time for adjournment at present, but this was modified by the caucus, so that it was finally resolved that it was expedient to adjourn as soon as the state of public business would permit, and that the business should be proceeded with with a view to effect an adjournment as early as July 23, but that, nevertheless, no joint action should be taken with reference to fixing the day until further progress had been made with the business. The sentiment against any continuous session or a recess was overwhelming. Congress will complete its business and go home in a dignified manner.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

The Republicans of the Senate and the House of Representatives held an adjourned caucus meeting to-night at the Capitol, Gen. BANKS in the chair, to hear the report of the Committee heretofore appointed with reference to the condition of the public business and an adjournment. They stated their views at some length, but recommended that a day be not now fixed. After several gentlemen had spoken on the subject, Representative WASHBURNE, of Illinois, offered a resolution expressing the opinion that the state of the business was such that Congress can adjourn *sine die* on next Monday week. This was the impression of the majority, for the resolution was agreed to by a vote of 60 against 40.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND POSTMASTER-GENERAL DENNISON.

The following correspondence has just been promulgated:

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11, 1866.

SIR: I have the honor to tender you herewith my resignation of the office of Postmaster-General, to take effect upon your notifying me of its acceptance. In thus withdrawing from the Cabinet it is proper to say that I do so chiefly because of the difference of opinion between us in regard to the proposed amendment of the Constitution, which I approve, and the movement for the Convention to be held at Philadelphia on the 14th proximo, to which I am opposed. My confidence in the patriotism of the Union Republican Party, and conviction that upon its permanent control of the Government depend, in a large measure, the peace and happiness of the country, will not permit of my holding an equivocal attitude in respect to it.

Assuring you of my personal regard and appreciation of the uniform courtesy I have received from you, I am,

Very respectfully, yours, &c.,

(Signed) W. DENNISON.

To the President.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 14, 1866.

SIR: Your resignation of the office of Postmaster General, tendered in your letter of the 11th inst., is hereby accepted. Fully appreciating your kind assurances of personal regard, I am, very truly and respectfully, yours,

(Signed,) ANDREW JOHNSON.

To HON. WILLIAM DENNISON, Washington, D. C.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

HON. A. W. RANDALL NOMINATED FOR POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

The President this afternoon nominated to the Senate A. W. RANDALL, now First Assistant, to be Postmaster-General, in the place of DENNISON, resigned. No other resignations of Cabinet officers had been received by the President up to noon to-day.

THE NOMINATION FOR POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

The President to-day sent to the Senate the nomination of A. W. RANDALL, First Assistant Postmaster-General, to be Postmaster-General, *vice* Gov. DENNISON, resigned. No action was taken on it. The Wisconsin members of Congress had a consultation on the subject, but came to no conclusion.

THE CONKLING-FRY CASE.

A report was made to-day, in the House of Representatives, from the Select Committee appointed to investigate the statements and charges made by Hon. ROSCOE CONKLING, of New-York, in his place, against Provost-Marshal-General FRY and his Bureau, and also to examine into the statements made by Gen. FRY in his communication to Hon. Mr. BLAINE, read in the House in April last, &c. The Committee now report only on the latter part of the inquiry, and say, in summing up their conclusions, that having fully and carefully considered Gen. FRY's charges against Mr. CONKLING, they are unanimously of opinion that none of them, whether made directly and openly, or indirectly and covertly, have any foundation in truth, and the conduct of Mr. CONKLING in relation to each of the matters investigated by the Committee has been above reproach; and that no circumstances sufficient to excite reasonable suspicion have arisen which could justify or excuse the attack made upon him in the letter of General FRY. The several charges against Hon. ROSCOE CONKLING, contained in the letter of Gen. FRY, being unsupported by the testimony in any one material particular, although ample opportunity was afforded, at the cost of much time and expense, to enable the writer of that letter to furnish his proofs, the Committee ought not to refrain from the expression of their condemnation of the deliberate act of a public functionary in traducing the official as well as the personal character of a member of the House of Representatives of the United States, by the publication of a libel which he was so ill-prepared to sustain. Indignities offered to the character or proceedings of the National Legislature, by libelous assaults, have been resented and punished, both in England and the United States, as breaches of privilege, and such assaults upon the official character of members have been held as punishable as indignities committed against the House itself. The reason for this rests upon the same ground as that which justifies the exercise of similar authority to punish for attempting by personal violence, menaces or bribes to influence the conduct of members in their official capacity. Your Committee deem it proper most earnestly to protest against the practice which has obtained to some extent of causing letters from persons not members of the House to be read as a part of a personal explanation in which the motives of members are criticised, their conduct censured, and they are called to answer for words spoken in debate. Such attacks upon members made in the House itself and published its proceedings and scattered broad cast to the world at the expense of the Government are, in the opinion of your Committee, an improper check upon the freedom of debate, a violation of the privileges, and an infraction of the dignity of the House.

Resolved, That all the statements contained in the letter of Gen. JAMES B. FRY to Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE, a Member of this House, bearing date the 27th of April, A. D. 1866, and which was read in this House on the 30th of April, A. D. 1866, in so far as such statements impute to the Hon. ROSCOE CONKLING, a member of this body, any criminal, illegal, unpatriotic, or otherwise improper conduct or motives, either as to the matter of his procuring himself to be employed by the Government of the United States in the prosecution of military offences in the State of New-York, in the management of such prosecutions, in taking compensation thereof, or in any other matter charged, are wholly without foundation in truth, and for their publication there were, in the judgment of this House, no facts connected with said prosecution furnishing either a palliation or an excuse.

Resolved, That Gen. FRY, an officer of the Government of the United States, and head of one of the Military Bureaus, in writing and publishing these accusations named in the preceding resolution, and which—owing to the crimes and wrongs which they impute to a member of this body—are of a nature deeply injurious to the official and personal character, influence and privileges of such member, and their publication originating, as in the judgment of the House they did, in no misapprehension of facts, but in the resentment and passion of their author, he was guilty of a gross violation of the privileges of such member and of this House, and his conduct in that regard merits and receives its unqualified disapprobation.

BILLS APPROVED.

The President has approved the following-named bills declaratory of the law of bounty: To amend the Act making a grant of land to the State of Minnesota to aid in the construction of a railroad from St. Paul to Lake Superior, approved May 5, 1864; making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending June 30, 1867; providing for making the town of Whitehall, N. Y., a port of delivery, and relating to pilots and pilot regulations.

The Internal Revenue Bill, which covers 151 large sheets of parchment, was presented to the President yesterday and received his approval.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate, in Executive Session, to-day, confirmed the nomination of JOHN P. FOSTER, as Collector of Customs for the District of Wilmington, N. C., and WM. W. BELKNAP, to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of Iowa.

MONEY COMING IN.

The receipts of Internal Revenue for the week ending to-day, were $5,579,774 96.

WAR PAYMENTS.

The disbursements of the Treasury on account of the War, Navy and Interior Departments, for the week ending July 14, are as follows:

War Department	$365,136 17
Navy Department	605,986 00
Interior Department	147,516 28
Total	$1,118,638 45

The following is a statement of the funds on hand in the vaults of the Treasury on July 14:

Legal tender	$4,176,000 00
National Bank Currency	4,187,086 00
Fractional Currency	442,917 60
Gold	221,378 99
Silver	2,560 00
Cents	488 00
Five Cent Coin	750 00
Surplus issue of United States notes	64,932,425 00
Total	$71,063,605 59

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

SENATE....SATURDAY, July 14.

BOUNTIES TO COLORED SOLDIERS.

The joint resolution of the House respecting bounties to colored soldiers was taken up, and, on motion of Mr. WILSON, was recommitted to the Military Committee.

EQUALIZING BOUNTIES.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, the bill to equalize bounties was made the special order for Tuesday, at 1 o'clock.

RETRENCHMENT COMMITTEE.

Mr. EDMUNDS called up the House resolution for the appointment of a Joint Committee of two Senators and three Representatives on the subject of retrenchment, to sit during the recess of Congress, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. SHERMAN, the resolution was amended so as to apply to the military and naval, as well as the civil service of the Government.

Mr. JOHNSON moved to amend by inserting a provision that the Committee inquire into the expediency of so changing the method of appointments to civil service, as to put them beyond the power of being used for party purposes, provide for the retention of appointees during good behavior, &c. Adopted.

Mr. ENGLISH moved to amend by making the Committee consist of three Senators and five Representatives.

Mr. JOHNSON inquired whether this was a joint resolution to be submitted to the President.

Mr. EDMUNDS said it was not. It was a simple resolution of inquiry by the two Houses.

The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

THE PORTLAND FIRE.

Mr. JOHNSON offered a bill for the relief of the sufferers of the Portland fire. It authorizes the President to cause to be purchased such provisions and clothing, and such other articles as he shall deem advisable, and to tender the same in the name of the Government of the United States to the State of Maine, for the relief of the citizens who have suffered by the late fire in the City of Portland. [It appropriates a sum not exceeding $50,000.] The bill was ordered to be printed.

CIVIL APPROPRIATIONS.

Mr. FESSENDEN called up the Civil Appropriation Bill, which passed the House yesterday, and on his motion it was referred to the Finance Committee.

LANDS FOR RAILROADS.

Mr. POMEROY, from Committee on Conference on the bill for granting lands for the construction of the Northern Kansas Railroad, made a report, which was ordered to lie over and be printed.

BANKRUPT BILL.

Mr. POLAND called up the Bankrupt Bill, which was made the special order for Monday at one o'clock.

LEASING PUBLIC LANDS.

Mr. HARRIS called up the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to lease to responsible parties such of the public lands as contain mineral springs lying east of the 102d meridian of longitude; the lease to be for a term not exceeding twenty-five years, subject to readjustment every five years; the rent to be not less than the income tax paid by those who now own mineral springs.

Mr. CONNESS opposed the bill as opposed to the principles of the Government, based upon the idea that whatever is good belongs to the sovereign and not to the subject. The whole system was wrong.

After discussion by Messrs. GRIMES, POMEROY and STEWART,

Mr. GRIMES moved to postpone the bill until the first Monday in December.

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Before reaching a vote on the above motion, the morning hour expired, and the bill to secure the speedy construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad was taken up.

Mr. SHERMAN spoke in opposition to the bill. This road had already received forty-seven millions of acres of land on promise to build the road for that. It now asked the Government to give it $122,571,600 on the insufficient security of one-half the lands which they received as a grant. This bill in a less objectionable form was defeated in the House, and voted down by a heavy majority. It was framed with a special view to evading a rule of the House, requiring all bills appropriating money to be referred to a Committee. It would be dragged from the Speaker's table and pushed through the House. The passage of such a bill as this, said Mr. SHERMAN, would tend to impair the public confidence in the credit of the Government. Congress had been altogether too willing to embark in such an enterprise.

Without action on the bill, the Senate, at 2 o'clock, went into Executive Session, and soon after adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

BRIDGING THE MISSISSIPPI.

The House resumed, as the business in the morning hour, the consideration of the Senate Bill to authorize the construction of bridges over the Mississippi for railroad purposes, the pending question being on an amendment reported from the Post-office Committee reserving the right to Congress to cause the removal of all obstructions to the navigation of the river that may be caused by such bridges.

On motion of Mr. ALLISON an amendment was agreed to authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River, at Kansas City.

Mr. ALLEY offered an amendment, declaring the bridge across the Mississippi, at Clinton, Ohio, a postroad and highway of the United States, provided it does not materially obstruct navigation.

Mr. WASHBURNE (Illinois) asked Mr. ALLEY to accept a modification in the shape of promise that the bill shall not interfere with any lawsuits now pending in any Court in reference to that bridge, and that the section shall not take effect until the bridge shall be made to conform its width of draw to that required of other bridges referred to in the act.

Mr. ALLEY declined to accept it or to yield to the amendment being offered.

Mr. WASHBURNE protested against this, one of the most important measures of the session, involving the interests of eight millions of people, being forced through under the previous question. He appealed to the judgment, the honesty and the firmness of the House to say whether it would confine the discussion of this grave matter to a single hour.

Mr. ALLEY said that he was quite willing to discuss the question thoroughly, but at this period of the session he could not consent to have the time of the House taken up in this matter. He would allow ten minutes to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. HOGAN,) and ten minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. WASHBURNE.)

Mr. HOGAN expressed, sarcastically, his wonderful obligations to the gentleman from Massachusetts, for giving him ten minutes to discuss a measure of such incalculable importance to his constituents and the people of the West. The ordinance of 1787 required the Mississippi River and its tributaries to be forever free, and unobstructed to all the people of the United States; and now the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. ALLEY) came here at the bidding and by permission of the great monopolies of the country to destroy that navigation and to take away from the people their right as citizens to the free navigation of the greatest river in the world, while he (Mr. HOGAN,) and, perhaps, other gentlemen, were condescendingly allowed ten minutes time to present their argument against the measure. These great monopolies, he went on to say, have their agents on this floor; they have their interested stockholders here to vote on this measure; they have their feed attorneys here to vote on this measure, to rob the people of the West of their great God-given right to navigate freely the great Mississippi river.

Mr. BOUTWELL rose to a question of order, excepting to the words last spoken, and requiring them to be taken down and read at the clerk's desk.

The Speaker decided that the words excepted to were out of order as being a reflection upon members of the House.

Mr. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania, suggested the real question was whether the statement was true.

Mr. HOGAN disclaimed any wish to say anything improper, and said he would not have made any such reflection if debate had been allowed.

Mr. BOUTWELL interrupted and claimed that the House had a right to know whether the gentleman from Missouri adhered to what he said or retracted it.

Mr. HOGAN said he preferred, as the words were clearly not proper, to withdraw them.

Mr. BOUTWELL urged that that was not a sufficient retraction, and wanted to know whether the gentleman (Mr. HOGAN) meant to maintain his position.

Mr. THAYER said he thought the gentleman from Missouri had done all that the House required, and moved that he be allowed to proceed in order.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. BANKS claimed that as the journal would show the words that were ruled out of order it should also show the retraction.

The Speaker, referring to the rule on the subject, decided that that was not required by the rule.

Mr. ASHLEY, of Ohio, wanted the gentleman from Missouri to be required to explain what he said about railroad corporations having feed attorneys on the floor.

The Speaker ruled that the House had passed from the matter, and had given the gentleman from Missouri permission to proceed in order.

Mr. ASHLEY, of Ohio, moved to reconsider that vote.

The motion was laid on the table, and Mr. HOGAN proceeded with his argument against the amendment as to the Clinton Bridge. He called the attention of the House to the fact that in 1865 the registered tonnage of steamers on the Mississippi River and its tributaries was 293,144 tons; that there were nine hundred and ten steamers engaged in that navigation, costing nearly thirty millions of dollars, and that its commerce was equal to the whole foreign commerce of the United States.

Mr. ALLEY said that the argument of the gentleman from Missouri was more to the general merits of the bill than to the specific amendment. The only difference between the bridge and the other bridges proposed to be authorized was that the width of the draw at the Clinton Bridge was not of equal width to that required for the others, being only one hundred and twenty feet in the clear. It had been in operation for eighteen months, and was a structure of the most substantial character, built in the best possible manner. The proposition was simply that that bridge be declared a post-road. The trouble about it was that it interfered in the rivalry between St. Louis and Chicago, the bridge being of advantage to Chicago. The City of Galena was somewhat in the predicament of St. Louis, and anybody who had served in the House with the member from Illinois (Mr. WASHBURNE) so long as he (Mr. ALLEY) had served, knew very well that measures which did not bring any toll to his mill (and by "his mill" he meant the City of Galena) never received much favor at his hands.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, called the gentleman to order, excepting to the last part of his remarks.

The words objected to having been written down and read from the Clerk's desk, the Speaker overruled the point of order, not deeming the words offensive.

Mr. WASHBURNE desired to be heard on that point, but the Speaker ruled that the matter was not debatable.

Mr. ALLEY, after some further remarks, yielded half an hour of his time to Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, who denounced the assertion in regard to the Clinton bridge as a most impudent and outrageous assertion. These railroad companies wanted to dam up the Mississippi River and to make all the commerce of the country tributary to them. If they could dam up that great and majestic highway of commerce, then they would raise their rates for transportation as much as they chose. The Rock Island bridge had caused in five years, from 1854 to 1859, the loss or partial destruction of sixty-four steamboats, of the value of two millions of dollars, and many rafts of lumber. One of them, the most beautiful boat on the river, the *Gray Eagle*, going down the river fully loaded with freight and passengers, in charge of one of the most skilful pilots, Captain SMITH HARRIS, had run against the pier and gone down with all her cargo.

Mr. PRICE rose and declared that although he lived within sight of Rock Island Bridge, he had never heard of more than three boats being wrecked. The statement about sixty-four boats having been wrecked there, was news to him.

Mr. WASHBURNE of Illinois remarked that he thought it might be news to the gentleman from Iowa, but he would find it in the book he had before him, and the report of the Committee of Engineers appointed by the War Department several years ago, to examine into the question of the Rock Island Bridge.

Mr. HARDING of Illinois said he coincided with the views of his colleague (Mr. WASHBURNE) in regard to the Clinton Bridge, and he hoped it would not be legalized in this bill.

Mr. JOHNSON, a member of the Post-office Committee, said he had had no opportunity of hearing the arguments in the Committee, he having been absent on account of sickness; but his own idea was that no draw-bridge should be allowed over any river, except it was clearly shown that a span-bridge could not be erected without enormous expense, as was the case at Winona. Much had been said about monopolies, but he thought the question might well be asked whether this Congress was not becoming the great monopoly, taking away all the legislative rights of the States, and interfering with matters which should be left to the States themselves.

Mr. ALLEY closed the debate, allowing the last three minutes of his hour to Mr. HUBBARD, of New-York, who sustained the amendment in reference to the Clinton bridge.

The question was taken and the amendment was rejected—yeas 54, nays 66.

Mr. HOGAN moved to lay the bill and amendments on the table, which was negatived.

The bill was then passed.

THE ROUSSEAU-GRINNELL ASSAULT.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Select Committee in the case of the breach of privilege charged against Mr. ROUSSEAU in assaulting Mr. GRINNELL for words spoken in debate.

The report of the Committee was read as follows:

The Committee appointed by the House to investigate and report upon the facts in the case of the assault committed by the Hon. Mr. ROUSSEAU, of Kentucky, upon the person of the Hon. Mr. GRINNELL, of Iowa, have attended to that duty and respectfully report: That at the close of the session of June 14, while passing from the House through the portico of the east front of the Capitol, Mr. GRINNELL, of Iowa, was accosted by Mr. ROUSSEAU, of Kentucky, who stated to him that he had waited four days for an apology for his conduct toward him in the House. Not receiving from Mr. GRINNELL a satisfactory reply Mr. ROUSSEAU immediately struck Mr. GRINNELL several blows with a small cane upon the face and head until the stick was broken. The time occupied in this transaction was but momentary. The weapon used was a small rattan cane with an iron end. There were from six to ten blows given. No resistance was made by Mr. GRINNELL, and no serious personal injury resulted from the assault. After the parties were separated without the direct interference of any person. There were fifteen or twenty persons present upon the portico at the time of the assault, a part of whom were detained there by a shower of rain falling at the moment. No other member of the House was present as a friend or in company with Mr. GRINNELL. He was without arms or weapon of any kind. Mr. ROUSSEAU had no weapon, except that which has been described. Three persons were present as friends of Mr. ROUSSEAU; the first on account of information received from Mr. ROUSSEAU that a personal assault was possible, if not probable; the second, on account of a suggestion or call from the first; and the third followed the two ROUSSEAU from the portico on account of his excited appearance and manner when passing through the rotunda. It does not appear that any one of these parties was informed of his action, except the first. These friends of Mr. ROUSSEAU were all armed with loaded revolver or pistol. The first had taken his weapon with him on the day of the affair, in expectation of what might occur; the second was armed with a pistol which he had carried on his person for a long time, in accordance with the general custom of the country in which he lived, where men from the same neighborhood had served in the Union or the rebel armies. The third was armed with a pistol which was generally his custom to carry, and which he had upon his person on that day without any reference to the difficulty which occurred. These parties had all served in the Union army during the war with Gen. ROUSSEAU; none of them had their arms with them at the time of the investigation. It was admitted that in the event of any interference on the part of outside parties, they should have taken part in the contest. No interference being offered, they took no part in the affair, except to advise Mr. ROUSSEAU to withdraw at the close. No doubt exists as to the cause or purpose of the assault. It was in consequence of words spoken in debate by Mr. GRINNELL, and the object was to disgrace him as a member of the House of Representatives. It was stated by Mr. ROUSSEAU at the time of the assault, and was understood or admitted by one or more of the friends of Mr. ROUSSEAU, as well as by Mr. ROUSSEAU himself, to the Committee during the investigation, as the only cause and purpose of the assault. On the part of Mr. ROUSSEAU it was alleged that his character and conduct as an officer of the Union army had been assailed by Mr. GRINNELL with epithets and assertions to which no man could be expected to submit, and it was because the House had failed to protect him upon his appeal in his privileges as a member he felt it to be his right to vindicate himself and the people he represented. On the part of Mr. GRINNELL it was alleged that his character had been publicly assailed by Mr. ROUSSEAU on the floor of the House and elsewhere in such manner as to provoke and justify the remarks he had made. Both parties presented official reports from the *Globe* of that portion of the debate connected with this subject upon which the judgment of the Committee was requested. This part of the debate is herewith presented with the evidence in this case. Nothing occurred in the course of the inquiry to indicate that Mr. GRINNELL was actuated in the slightest degree by malice or personal feeling toward Mr. ROUSSEAU. Nothing appeared on the part of Mr. ROUSSEAU, apart from the transaction which the Committee was instructed to investigate, to impeach his character as a member of the House, or as an officer of the army. Official evidence which, when presented, the Committee would not refuse to receive, showed that he had steadily adhered to the cause of the Government in the period of its greatest trial; that he had been among those citizens who, against the influence of cherished friends and kindred, had honorably resisted the violent and treasonable efforts to sever the bonds of the Union, and firmly held the State of Kentucky to its duty; and that his services in the army were alike honorable to himself, his State and the country. Without considering in any manner the question of provocation or justification presented in this case the Committee has been compelled to decide, after much deliberation, that no provocation can justify a resort to violence against the person of a member of this House. In enumerating the privileges of its members, the Constitution expressly declares that "for any speech or debate, in either House, they shall not be questioned in any other place." (Article I., section 6.) The theory upon which parliamentary assemblies are founded is that of the inviolability of the person of the representative. No tribunal or officer of the Government is authorized, except in cases of treason, felony, or breaches of the peace, to call him to account for the part taken in the transactions of the assembly of which he is a member. The existence and authority of legislative assemblies depend upon the recognition of this fundamental law. This is due not less to the dignity of the assembly and the rights of its members than to the people they represent. An act of violence against a member is an act of insurrection against the people he represents. It cannot be justified by any delinquency or wrong on the part of the representative which they have not authorized, and for which they ought not to be held responsible, or deprived of the rights of representation.

These prerogatives of the representative are so much a matter of public concern that they cannot be taken away by an act of assault while he is a member, except by an order of expulsion or its equivalent, or annulled by the Legislature, and so far as they secure to him the right of attendance, it is not in the power of the representative to waive or surrender them. In his privileges are involved the right of representation of the people, and upon their proper recognition the existence of representative Government and of political liberty depends. The Committee is therefore of the opinion that in the assault upon the person of Mr. GRINNELL, of Iowa, on account of words spoken in debate, and for the acknowledged purpose of disgracing him as a member of the House, and thereby depriving him of his due and just influence and power as a member of this House, the Hon. Mr. ROUSSEAU, of Kentucky, committed an inexcusable breach of the privileges of this House as well as of the people represented by Mr. GRINNELL, for which no provocation or justification can be pleaded, and which merits the strongest condemnation that it is in the power of the House to impose. In forming this opinion the Committee has not overlooked the circumstances out of which the assault originated, and which have been pleaded as ground justifiable provocation. The imputation of cowardice to an officer being at the army to which no reply can be made. It is difficult to prove the existence of personal courage. A man's character in this respect must be in great degree a matter of opinion. When it becomes necessary to make an imputation of this character against a member of the House, it should be done with the formality of a special motion, accompanied by a statement of the facts upon which it is based, and by which it is to be inferred or proved. The Committee is unable to find in this case any justification or imputation of this character against the Representative from Kentucky. His military services were voluntarily rendered in defence of the Government under which the House holds all its privileges and powers against a large portion of the people of his own State, as well as against his immediate fellow-citizens, relatives and friends. If anything would justify a resort to violence, which the Committee denies, it might perhaps be found in an imputation of this kind. The Committee, therefore, recommends that the House express its disapproval of the personal reflection of Hon. Mr. GRINNELL, of Iowa, upon the character of Hon. Mr. ROUSSEAU, as a violation of the orders of the House, and a breach of the privileges of its members. It appears from the evidence that three persons were present at the time of the assault. One of them, at least, had been informed of its probable occurrence, and all of them expressed to the Committee their intention to take part in the affair in the event of any unexpected interference on the part of outside parties on either side. It appears to the Committee, after mature deliberation, that inasmuch as this occurred in a premeditated and actual assault upon the person of a member of this House, such presence and participation was an offence against the public peace and the privileges of this House, which ought not to pass unnoticed. It is, therefore, recommended that these parties be brought to the bar of the House and held subject to its orders. In these recommendations the Committee has performed the duty with which it was charged, but it is, perhaps, proper, in addition to what has been said, to call the attention of the House to the necessity of enforcing the rules of the House against personalities in debate. These rules are founded in natural reason and right, as well as in ancient Parliamentary law. It is the duty of every member of the House to see that they are observed. This depends more upon the temper and purpose of the House than upon its officers. If the members of the House regard with indifference the violation of the rules of debate in this connection, the dignity of the House, the privileges of its members and the rights of the people they represent cannot be maintained. Upon a full and careful consideration of all the facts in this case, the Committee reports the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Hon. LOVELL H. ROUSSEAU, a representative from Kentucky, by committing an assault upon the person of the Hon. J. B. GRINNELL, a Representative from the State of Iowa, for words spoken in debate, has justly forfeited his privileges as a member of this House and is hereby expelled.

Resolved, That the expressions of reflections made by Mr. GRINNELL, a Representative from the State of Iowa, in presence of the House, upon the character of Mr. ROUSSEAU, a Representative from the State of Kentucky, were a violation of the rules regulating debate and the privileges of its members founded thereon, and merit the disapproval of the House

Rejected—Yeas 54, nays 66.

Resolved, That Gen. LEW. D. PENNYBACKER, of Kentucky, L. B. GRIGSBY, of Kentucky, and JOHN S. MCGRAW, of Ohio, by their presence and participation in the premeditated assault between Hon. Mr. ROUSSEAU, of Kentucky, and Hon. Mr. GRINNELL, of Iowa, on account of words spoken in debate, in which the persons, if not the lives, or members of this House were imperilled, are guilty of a breach of its privileges, and they are hereby ordered to be brought to the bar of this House, to answer for their contempt of its privileges.

(Signed) R. P. SPALDING.
N. P. BANKS.
M. RUSSELL THAYER.

VIEWS OF THE MINORITY.

The undersigned concur with the majority of the Committee in holding that Gen. ROUSSEAU, in his assault upon Mr. GRINNELL, was guilty of a violation of the privileges of this House, for which there was no justification; but considering the very gross provocation received by Gen. ROUSSEAU, the wanton and unjust imputations cast upon his military character and services, the failure of the House to protect him from an assault unwarrantable in itself and a violation of the privileges of the House, and the absence of any intention to inflict severe bodily injury upon Mr. GRINNELL, they are of opinion that expulsion is a punishment more severe than justice or public interest requires. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following instead of the first of the series reported by the majority of the Committee:

Resolved, That Hon. LOVELL H. ROUSSEAU be summoned to the bar of the House, and there publicly reprimanded by the Speaker for the violation of the rights and privileges of the House of which he was guilty in the personal assault committed by him upon Hon. J. B. GRINNELL, for words spoken in debate. In recommending the adoption of the other resolutions reported by the Committee, the undersigned fully concur.

HENRY J. RAYMOND,
JOHN HOGAN.

Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, made the point of order upon the second resolution reported by the Committee. That Mr. GRINNELL, having been called to order in the House, first by two members and then by the Speaker, and the House having declined at that time to take any further notice of the language used, and having permitted him to proceed, the House was thereby barred from taking any action against him for the words spoken at that time. He argued at considerable length in support of his position, maintaining that although the resolution referring the matter to the Committee might be held to give such authority to it, yet the House could not depute a power which it did not itself possess.

The Speaker stated that this point of order involved all the rules and usage in regard to calling to order, and also the power and extent of the Committee's authority under the resolution. The sixty-first rule was adopted by the First Congress, in 1789; the sixty-second rule was proposed by JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, in 1832. Its history was that Mr. STANBERRY, of Ohio, had denounced Speaker STEVENSON's political course, quite bitterly, but had not been called to order at the time. The next day a resolution was introduced censuring him, which, after an exciting debate, prevailed by a large majority. There was no *Congressional Globe* at the time, and there was a question as to the exact words of the member. Mr. ADAMS then offered this new rule, which was adopted by a subsequent Congress. The sixty-second rule, in its first division, says that the person calling a member to order for this rule implies that the primary duty of calling to order is upon members on the floor, who shall repeat the words "excepted to," and they shall be taken down. If the Speaker rules against them, any member, by the sixty-first rule, can require the offending member to take his seat. He can go further and require him to stop absolutely, unless a majority allow him to go on. Any member can go still further, and move a vote of censure. The Speaker cannot by this rule prevent him from continuing his speech, but a single member can, unless a majority vote permission. The last part of the sixty-second rule states that a member shall not be censured if any other business has transpired after the objectionable words, and before exceptions to them shall have been taken. The Speaker holds that calling to order is taking exceptions, even if the rule is not pushed to its extremest rigor at the time. Mr. GRINNELL was called to order twice, and ruled out of order both times by the Chair. Any one of the one hundred and eighty members of the House could, under the rule, have required him to take his seat and suspend his speech unless permitted by a majority to proceed. But no one did so. When the members of the House grant unanimous consent, as in this case, for a personal explanation, which speakers always dislike on account of their personalities and for which their consent is not asked, the usage has been almost invariably that the Chair does not volunteer to check them, but waits for some member to call to order and then promptly rules. One of the few exceptions was the present Speaker himself calling Mr. GRINNELL to order after he had been twice decided out of order on points made by others. But the resolution unanimously adopted by the House settles the question. It gave the Committee full authority to investigate the subject of an assault because of words spoken in debate, and to report such resolutions as may be deemed necessary for the vindication of the privileges of the House and the protection of its members, and as the resolution under which they act connected the two transactions together as closely as cause and effect, the Chair holds that the second resolution is not out of order.

Mr. SPALDING, Chairman of the Select Committee, opened the debate, and argued that when the Constitution provided that a member should not be called to account elsewhere for words spoken in debate, it meant not only that he should be free from liability to libel suits, &c., but free also from physical assault.

Mr. WRIGHT demanded to be informed whether the gentleman from Ohio meant to say that a member might indulge in blackguardism in the House, and that a member assailed by him could not protect himself? It was the duty of the Speaker to protect a member, and if he did not do so, it was the duty of the member assailed to protect himself.

Mr. SPALDING replied that the Committee held that no man should be allowed to assault and beat another member, and in that he (Mr. SPALDING) agreed without hesitation. No words could be uttered on this floor in regard to a member that would justify the infliction of a blow, either on this floor or elsewhere.

Mr. HUBBARD, of Connecticut, asked whether, if a member maliciously departed from the subject of debate, and charged another member, an officer of the army, for instance, with cowardice, that came within the definition of words spoken in debate? [Laughter.]

Mr. SPALDING made no response, but proceeded with his argument. Whenever, he said, anybody eulogized LOVELL H. ROUSSEAU as a patriot, a soldier, an officer and a gentleman who was in the country's danger, did as much with his bright blade as any other man from the old State of Kentucky, he would say amen to that, and even go better. [Laughter.] If he had read aright, in the battles of Shiloh, Perrysville and Murfreesboro, the white plume of the gallant HARRY OF NAVARRE might well have paled before that of ROUSSEAU. He doubted not his chivalry or his courage. No man, woman or child in the country had a right to disparage the fair military fame of LOVELL H. ROUSSEAU. Sitting in his seat here, his blood chilled in his veins when he listened to an imputation to that effect. He could not for a moment countenance, and would not set the seal of his reprobation on it. But the more elevated the character of ROUSSEAU, the more of a gentleman and hero he was, the worse was his case as an example for all time to come for the House of Representatives. This hero, this patriot, this high-minded gentleman has seen fit, notwithstanding his four years' glorious career in the midst of the wildest break over the discipline imposed by the Constitution of the country and by Parliamentary law to violate not merely the privileges of a member of the House but one of the dearest and most hallowed privileges of the people of the country, because the liberty of the people depended mainly on the freedom of debate in the Congress of the United States. This ignominious blow had been inflicted on the person of a member of the House, and the House was called upon to say whether it would vindicate its privileges. The majority of the Committee had, with great reluctance, come to the conclusion that it must recommend expulsion as the only adequate penalty for an offence committed with so much coolness and deliberation and under such aggravated circumstances. If it was the last vote he should be called upon to give in the House he should do violence to his conscience, if he gave it for anything less than expulsion, knowing as he did that the offence had been cleared and proved beyond, and knowing the consequences that would be attached to any lapse of the House in passing over such an infringement of its high privileges. The provocation was great, but the provocation did not present a justification. There was no excuse for one member indicting personal violence on his brother member.

Mr. WRIGHT asked Mr. SPALDING what he would do if assailed with language so gross as that applied to the gentleman from Kentucky, tending to degrade him among his associates.

Mr. SPALDING replied that if he himself could have used language impugning the heroism and courage of the member from Kentucky, he could not have any objection to the House expelling him; but were they to return to the scenes of barbarism, and was the Hall of the House of Representatives to be converted hereafter, through any notions of high-minded chivalry, into a bear garden, instead of a hall of legislation? That was the great point, and not its decision they would have to answer to their constituency.

Some discussion in reference to the outside parties named in the second resolution took place between Mr. SPALDING and Messrs ELDRIDGE and JOHNSON, the two latter gentlemen contending that the Committee had no jurisdiction over those persons and that they had not been notified of their being charged with an offence and had not had any privilege of cross-examining or producing witnesses.

Mr. HALE offered the following as an amendment for the first resolution of the Committee:

Resolved, That the House, while expressing its unqualified condemnation and reprobation of the practice of personal assaults, and menaces on the floor of the House, reflecting on the character of members, and also of acts of violence toward members on any provocation of words, however offensive, as unnecessary and hostile to asserting its power and authority to protect the privileges of its members, both as respects person and character, yet under all the circumstances of the case, deems it inexpedient to take any further action on the matter of privilege now pending so far as affecting Hon. LOVELL H. ROUSSEAU and Hon. JOSHUA B. GRINNELL.

Mr. HALE yielded to a motion to adjourn, when

COMPENSATION OF CONGRESSMEN.

Mr. NIBLACK, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported a bill to provide for and to regulate the compensation of Senators, Representatives and Delegates in Congress. Read twice, ordered to be printed, and postponed till Wednesday next.

The bill fixes the compensation at $8,000 for each Congress, and mileage at the rate of 10 cents per mile. The President of the Senate is to have the same compensation as the Vice-President of the United States, and the Speaker is to have double the compensation of members, except as to mileage, which is to be the same. In case of the death of a member his representatives are to receive at the rate of $4,000 per annum from the date of the commencement of Congress up to the time of death, and his successor is to be paid from that day. The bill is to apply to the members of the present Congress from the 4th of March, 1866, except as to mileage.

CHARGES AGAINST MR. CONKLING.

Mr. SHELLABARGER, from the Special Committee on charges against Mr. CONKLING, reported in part, with the testimony and the arguments of counsel, which were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The report completely exonerates Mr. CONKLING and brands the statement in Gen. FRY's letter as not only unfounded in fact, but maliciously untrue. The House at 4.20 adjourned.

VIRGINIA.

The Freedmen—Call for a State Convention at Petersburgh on the 26th Inst.—Gen. Lee in his Summer Retreat.

FORTRESS MONROE, Thursday, July 12.

The St. Clair farm, near Hampton, upon which about 1,300 freed people are quartered, has been turned over to its owners by the Government.

At a regular meeting of the Johnson Constitution Club

CURRENT LITERATURE.

THE REASON.

Lady, I see your eyes that glance my way;
I mark your radiant beauty as you move;
I know that at a word which I might say,
Love would be met by love.

Why is it that I leave that word unsaid?
Why am I gravest to your brightest smiles?
And wherefore do I turn a listless head
Deaf to your queenly wiles?

I know how many seek you, whom the spell
Of your fair face draws all resistless on:
How your soft-syllabled "No" has oft to tell
You are not lightly won.

I know that these you chill, and me you seek—
Me, not more worthy; me, so stern and still;
Nor am I silent from a fear to speak,
Or from divided will.

Nor deem it is in malice that I wait
Until that it might please me to repay
Love with the largess of myself—so late
From willing proud delay.

No, no. 'Twere basest treason even in thought,
To thy high soul, that should not stoop to sue;
To thee, to whom all lowly I have sought
To render homage due.

Lady, I have no love to give. Ere now
'Tis given, to one with face as fair as thine:
Few years had pass'd upon her ivory brow
When all her heart was mine.

Do I not claim her? *She is claimed*:—and I
Am happy, though sometimes mine eyes be dim;—
She whom God lent of His great charity
Hath now returned to him. W. J. L.

FAR AT SEA.

From All the Year Round.

I.

"Ah!" I says, "you've been a hard and a bitter mother to me; and yet it goes again the grit to turn one's back upon you. I've toiled on, and lived hard, and yet you've always showed me a cold, cruel face;" and as I said that, feeling quite heartsick, I leans my elbows on the side o' the ship, and my chin on my hands, and has a long, long look at the old country as we was leaving—perhaps to see no more.

I looked round, and there stood plenty tearful-eyed, and sad with all the lines of sorrow marked in their foreheads, while I could see lips trembling and breasts working with the pain they could hardly keep down. And then I don't know how it was, but it seemed to me that we thought together the same sad things, and that I knew their thoughts and they knew mine. There was all the old life—plain as could be; and then came the long, long struggle with sickness, and death, and want. And I knew that people said such poor folk should not marry, and many another bitter word, as if it was wrong'ul to love and try to be happy. The wind whistled through the ropes above our heads, and the clouds seemed gathering, too, in our hearts, for though the bitterness was gone, I could see plenty of sorrow and sadness all around.

"Won't do, my lad," I says, rousing up and wetting both hands as if I meant work; and then I goes down in the steerage to try and make things a bit comfortable, for you see all the poor things were in a most miserable state. Some was ill, some down-hearted, some drunk and foolish, some drunk and noisy, some drunk and quarrelsome. Then there was children crying, and women scolding, and altogether it was anything but a cheering prospect for the night, for, as you may say, we weren't shook down into shape yet.

"Good time coming," I says cheerily; and having no young ones of my own, I set to to help them as had. I got hold of a young shaver—about two and a half, I should think—and he was a-letting go right away as if he'd got all the trouble in the ship in his precious young head. But he soon turned quiet, playing with my knife, and all at once I finds as he'd made a hammock o' me, and had gone off as sound as a church. During the next three days its mother was very ill, poor thing, and I had to regularly mind the little one; and I did, too.

Well, 'isn't a very pleasant life in the steerage of an emigrant ship bound for New-Zealand, 'specially if the weather's a bit rough; and so we found it. For the next morning, when I went on deck, there was a stiff breeze blowing, the ship heeling over; and as I thought the night before, so it was—there was nothing in sight but waves all round. One sailor did point to something which he said was home, but it might have been a cloud.

The fourth night had come, and as I lay in my berth listening to the "wash wash" of the water past the side of the ship, the creaking and groaning of the timbers, and every now and then the heavy bump of a wave against the side, I couldn't help thinking what a little there was between us and death; and somehow or other the serious thoughts that came kept me wide awake.

It was two bells, I think they call it, for they don't count time as we do ashore, when all at once I could hear as there was a great bustle up on deck, where the all through the watches of the night everything's mostly very quiet. Then there came a good deal of tramping about and running to and fro; so I gets out of my berth, slips on one or two things, and goes cautiously up the ladder and gets my head above the hatchway, and then in a moment I saw what was up, and it gave me such a shock that I nearly let go my hold and fell back into the steerage. There was a thick cloud of smoke issuing out from between the hatches, right in the centre of the ship; and almost before I could thoroughly realize it all, or make myself believe as it was true, a woman ran shrieking along the deck in her night-dress, and calling out those fearful words on board ship—

"*Fire! fire! fire!*"

Hundreds of miles from land, standing on a few nailed-together pieces of wood, and them burning beneath your feet.

I couldn't help it: all my bitter feelings of being ill used came back, and I says to myself:

"Your usual luck, mate: wouldn't be you if you weren't unfortunate. But never mind; you have your choice, fire or water." And then I thought of the danger, and I ketches myself such a thump in the chest, and rolls up my sleeves, and goes up to the Captain as was busy giving his orders.

"What shall I do?" I says.

"Pump!" he shouts, "and fetch a dozen more up."

Lord bless you! I had 'em up in no time from amongst the crying women, and I found time, too, to get the women and children up on deck in the poop, which was furthest from the hatches, where the smoke kept pouring out, beside which the wind took it away from them.

There was plenty of shrieking and screaming at first; but they had got the right man in the right place when they chose that Captain, for he runs to the poop, where all the shivering things was a-standing, and with a few words he quiets them. Then he runs to the men as was scuffling about, here, there, and everywhere, and gets them all together; and then at last he gets a line of fellows with buckets, a lot more at the pumps, and some more at the little engine as was there; and then when all was ready, and every man was standing still at his post, he goes with some more to the hatches and drags up a couple, when up rose a regular pillar of fire and smoke, with a snaky, quiet movement, and in a moment every face was lit up, and there was quite a glare spreading far out to sea. Sails, cordage, masts, everything semed turned into gold. For a moment I couldn't help forgetting the danger, and thinking what a beautiful sight it was; when directly after there was a regular ringing cheer, the engine and pumps went "clang-clang," and the water was teemed into the burning hold from bucket and engine-nozzle.

How the water hissed and sputtered! while volumes of smoke and steam rushed up where it had been all flame but a moment before, and as we saw this we cheered; but we'd nothing to cheer for; it was only the fire gathering strength; and then, as though laughing at the water we poured in, it came dashing, and crawling, and running up, licking the edges of the hatchway, and setting on fire the tarpaulins at the sides, and then it began to shoot and leap, as if to catch at the cordage and sails.

"Pump it in, my lads," shouted the captain. "Don't be afraid; we shan't run short of water, like they do at your London fires."

"No," says a chap on my side; "and there ain't no running away into the next street."

Then I saw the captain run to the man at the wheel, and he changed the course of the ship, so that all the smoke and flame went over the side; and then at it we went, sending in the water at a tremendous rate, but to all appearance it did no good—not a bit.

"Now, my lads," says the captain, "with a will;" and then we cheered again; and that noble man stood with the engine-nozzle in his hand, looking right over the fiery hole, where the flames darted out, scorching him, and there he stood battling with them, and aiming the water where he thought best.

You see I stood close aside him, so that I could see all as he did—a brave fellow—and it was hot, too. You know I was taking the buckets as they were passed to me, and sending the water in with a regular splash as far as I could every time; and the captain nodded at me every now and then, and, "Well done!" he says, when it was him as ought to have had the praise.

It was like looking down into the mouth of a furnace; and, as far as I could see, we might just as well have been playing with a couple of boy's squirts; but I knew enough of duty, to feel what I ought to do; and though I'd have liked to have been aside the wife to comfort her, my duty was to stand there a pouring in that there water till I couldn't do it no longer; and the more it didn't seem no good, the more I warmed up—obstinate like—and meant to try; for I didn't see any fun in being beaten off by a few flames and sparks, while the look as I got now and then from the captain went right through me, and in went the water.

All at once a lot of the sailors stops pumping and one shouts out:

"'Tain't no good, mates. Boats out!"

But he hadn't hardly said it, before I saw the captain dart back; and then there was a bright light as the copper branch of the hose-pipe flashed through the air, and then down came the sailor to the deck.

"Back to your work, men," sang out the captain; "and let a man go to the boat who dares!" And then they stood hanging about, muttering, and one Dutch chap pulls out a knife. Just at the same minute, too, a couple of the sailors as had been handing me the buckets strikes work too, a-saying they'd be hanged if they'd stop there and be frizzled.

I felt that if the men did as they liked, it would be all over with us; and that meant a regular rush to the boats, while the poor women and children were left to burn; so what did I do but I ups with the leather bucket I had in my hand—I've often laughed since—and brings it down like a 'stinguisher right on the top of number one's head; as to t'other—he was a little chap, and I'm six foot and pretty strong—I gets hold of him by the scruff of the neck and strap of his trousers, and afore he knew where he was, I had him up in the air and over the hole where the flames were pouring up, and so close, too, that he could feel the scorching; and then—I ain't much given to swearing, but I rapped out something fierce, that if he didn't work'd hurl him in.

Lord, you should have heard what a shriek there was as the fellow twisted about like an eel to get away, and then I put him a little nearer, when he begged and prayed to be put down, and he'd work till he dropped; and then up comes the captain, for he'd bolted off into the cabin, but now rushed out again with a revolver in each hand.

"Well done, my man," he shouts to me, for he saw what I did; and then he gives me one of the pistols, and swore he'd shoot the first man as disobeyed, and I'm blessed if I didn't believe he would, if they'd have tried it on; but they didn't, but began pumping away like mad again, and we two went to work pouring in the water, while I'm sure I heard a regular groan from the captain, though his face was like a bit o' wood.

This didn't take above five minutes, but I believe it lost us the ship, though we had seemed to make such a little impression when we turned on the water. But five minutes at such a time was ruin. The flame rose higher and higher, and the heat was awful; so that, do what we would, we were beat back, and instead of a quiet crawling flame now, there was a regular roar, and the wind set towards the great fiery tongues in a fierce draught.

"Stick to it, my man," says the captain, in a low voice. "It's our only chance."

"And I wouldn't give much for it, Sir," I says, in the same tone.

"Hush!" he says; and then to the men, "Pump away, my lads!"

They pumped away hearty enough, and kept trying on a cheer; but it soon could be seen with half an eye that the ship must go, for the flames darted up, and, almost before you knew it, the rigging was on fire, and the tongues like leaping from rope to rope, till the tarry things hung in fiery drops of burning tar kept falling on to the deck, or dissing into the sea; while for far enough off, out into the dark night, the great flay sparks went flying along, for all the world like a beautiful golden snow storm.

"There," says the captain, throwing down the copper branch with which he had played on the fire, and shaking his fist right in the flames, so that they must have burnt it, "there," he says, savagely, "I've fought it out with you, and you've beat! Now for life saving!"

And then, quietly and coolly, he had one boat lowered down, with the first mate in and a crew of sailors, and the shrieking women and children lowered in, while the quiet ones he kept back. Then there was a water-cask and a lot of biscuit-bags thrown in, and that boat, well loaded, pushed off on the calm sea, and lay to, watching us. Then the second mate was ordered into the second boat, with a crew of sailors; water and bags of busculi were thrust in, and then, well loaded with women and children, and one or two of the men passengers, that was carefully lowered down, unhooked and pushed off.

The other two boats were not swung over the sides, but lay between the masts of the ship, right in the middle of the deck, and were full of stores and odd things put there to be out of the way; but the captain and men left soon had tackling fastened to the boat that was right in front of the fire, and it was hauled up, swung clear, and lowered down with a couple of men in, and they rowed it back to the hinder part of the ship, while we who had been launching it had to make a regular dash through the flames, which now extended nearly across the deck. One man, however, did not dare come through, but plunged overboard and swam after the boat till he was took in.

"Now then," said the captain, and the rest of the women were slung down.

I did not mean to go as long as I could help the captain: and then half a dozen of the men passengers were lowered down, and they were just going to shove off, when I shouts out:

"Stop!" and the captain turns round angrily to me, and I says, "No water!"

Sure enough they had none, and a little cask that stood on the deck was slung down, and they were going to shove off again, when I heard a shriek as went through and through me, and saw a bright glare; the man at the rudder leaned over, while at the same moment there was a roar and a rush of fearful light, and the great mainmast blazing from top to bottom, and covered with burning rope and canvas, toppled over towards where the boat lay, for the fire had been eating into it below deck for long enough. It was all in a moment, and like the flashing of shme great sheet of lightning, as in the midst of a wild and fearful cry it fell right towards the boat.

II.

That was a fearful moment, that was, and we held our breath with terror; and I—I could not help it—I covered my face with my hands and dared not look, till I heard a loud cheer, and saw the boat safely floating within a very few yards of the half-extinct mast which had narrowly missed falling upon the little haven of safety.

And now they were going to get the last boat out, and the three others lay off at a little distance, while above the hoarse orders of the captain there was the cracking and roar of the flames, now leaping up at a fearful rate. And yet it was a splendid sight, in spite of the horror; for every now and then pieces of the copper wire rope used in the rigging regularly caught fire, and burned with a most beautiful blue light, brighter than in any firework I ever saw; while now the foremast had taken fire, and the flames were tearing along the rigging till the ropes seemed illuminated with the little beads and tongues of fire. The heat grew awful, and every now and then pieces of blazing rope, spars, and blocks fell red-hot and glowing into the sea, to send up little columns of hissing steam. The whole of the centre of the ship was now on fire, and the flames rose prodigiously, floating off, and flashing amidst the clouds of smoke; while far away, still lightly flitted and spun about the golden flaky snow, eddying among the smoke, and darting far on high, in the most beautiful way imaginable.

I think I said before how the tremendous heat caused a regular draught to set toward the fire, so that as you were almost scorched before, the wind came with quite a cold rush behind; but then, how it made the flames to roar again, and burn more fiercely than ever! It was a sickening sight; for every now and then the cruel forky tongues seemed to keep lapping at and threatening us, and then dancing and licking everything up, as if in devilish joy at the prospect of soon devouring us poor sinners.

It was a horrible sight, and though I didn't show it, yet I could feel my heart sink every time I was idle for a few moments, when I went at it again like a savage. I didn't go on my knees to pray; but—I don't know—I *think* I prayed earnestly in my heart then, and though I would gladly have been with the wife safe in the other boat, yet I couldn't feel as it was suited with a fellow's duty to leave such a man as that captain had showed himself all in the lurch; so I says to myself:

"Be a man, too, Phil;" and I did try to, anyhow.

All at once the flames seemed to veer round and began blowing toward us, while the position of the boats were changed; and I couldn't understand it, till I saw the captain run from helping to get the last boat—the one as was on the deck close to the mizzenmast—over the side; and then I found it was the man had left the steering wheel, and had run up toward the boat.

"Back!" I heard the captain say; "back, or I'll fire!"

"Fire away, cap," says the man sulkily; "one may just as well die by fire one way as another, and I won't stand there and be burnt." And then the captain's hand—the one as held the pistol—fell down by his side, and he looked regularly done.

"What's up?" I says, "Can I do?" and I followed the captain to the wheel, which he turned so as to put the head of the ship right once more; and as he did it, she just changed round again; but while all this had been going on, the mizzen or third mast took fire, and now was blazing away fiercely.

"Hold on here, my man," says the captain, "and keep the wheel just as it is. That's right; hold the spokes firm; and if her head swings round, call to me to come and help you."

"All right," I says; "but mind, I don't understand it a bit." And now my troubles seemed to begin; for though it was bad enough to be bustling about fancying that the ship would either go down or you'd be burnt every moment, yet to stand stock-still holding on to the spokes of that wheel was awful, and do what I would to stop it, a regular tremble came all over me, and my knees kept on shake, shake, shake.

They got the boat over the side, and then the men rushed over one another to get in, and it was only by stamping about and hitting at them that the Captain got the poor chaps to take in the things they wanted; such as food, which he fetched out of the cabin himself; and water, which they did sling in, but dropped one little cask overboard. But, one way or another, he got them at last to take in a good many things such as they'd want, and a compass; and then, with three more men, he rushed down to the cabin again for more food—biscuit-bags—saying as the other boats would want more, and that we must supply 'em. And then up they came staggering and shaking, one man with a little water-keg, and the Captain with a side o' bacon, and two men with bags o' biscuit; and they goes to the side, and I wished my job was done as I saw 'em go.

All at once one of the men gives a yell, throws down his bag, and leaps bang overboard, and the others running after him, did so too; and then I could see that the cowardly beggars had pushed off—for they lay close under the side, where I couldn't see 'em before, and now they were rowing hard a-way, and I could see that the boat was so full that the least thing must make her fill and sink.

It was pitiful to hear the shrieks of those poor fellows as was left behind, as they swam with all their might to get up to the boat, and it was pitiful to see, for it was as light as day, and the waves that gently rose and fell seemed waves of blood—glowing blood—with golden crests as they softly broke. But though one man swam so fast that he got up to the boat, they pushed him off with the oars; and then I saw him cling to them, and one man pulled out a knife to stab at him if he came nearer; while just then I saw the boat-hook rise up and fall with a heavy thud on the poor chap's head, and he went under, and I said, "God help him!" for he came up no more.

There were two more swimming after them, and when the next saw all this, he just turned round and looked back at the ship, and paddled with his hands a bit, and then stretching them straight up toward the sky, he gave one wild, bitter shriek, and he went under; and this time I tried to say "God help him!" but it was only my lips that moved.

There was the other, though, a fine lusty young fellow, and as soon as he saw what took place, he turned off to the left, and tried to reach the nearest boat of the other three; and manfully he swam for it, raising himself well up in the water at every stroke, and gradually lessening the distance till he got close up to the stern, where I could see quite plain some one holding out his hands to him, and he was took aboard the boat.

Now all this took place in a very few minutes; and, in spite of the danger, we, the two last on board, could not help stopping to gaze at the terrible scene; but now the Captain comes up and takes my hand, and says:

"Brother, it was a cowardly, cruel, selfish action; and I don't know but what I'd rather die with a brave man than live with curs."

I know my hand shook, but I don't think my voice did, though I thought of life being sweet as I said to him:

"Is it very hard to die, Captain?"

"Yes," he says, "I believe it is, to a strong man; and as God gave us life, and we've done our duty so far, why we must finish it by trying to save two more."

"But how?" I says, getting hold of him.

"Don't leave the wheel," he says; and then, again, "But it don't matter—she makes no way. Lend a hand here."

And I helped him, and together, roasting almost, we dragged three great fowl-coops and a grating to the ship, and tied them together—lashed them, he called it—in no time; then we shoved them overboard; and as the vessel slowly swung round, we were out o' sight to the boats, which were about a quarter of a mile off. He had a rope to the coops so that they could not float off, and as he told me I slid down on to them, and squatted there trembling, while he lowered down to me the little water-keg, some rope, the bacon, and two of the biscuit-bags. Then he pitched some loose pieces of woodwork, and the cover of the cabin stairs, and a hatch thing, and a tarpaulin into the water by me; slid down the rope, and was by my side in a few minutes; with the coops sinking about, so that I was glad to lower myself into the water and hold on.

"That's right," he says, opening his knife with his teeth, and cutting the rope, and then getting the tarpaulin and bits of wood and things in the centre in the handiest way possible—same as only a sailor could do. He tells me to hold on tight, and then, lowering himself into the water, he pushes off from the burning ship, and begins swimming and guiding our bit of raft away very slowly, but still further and further off.

"I'll lash the coops and the grating together," he says, "as soon as we're out of danger."

"Out of danger!" I says; "and when will that be?"

"Well," he says, "I mean when we are out of reach of being sucked down when she sinks."

"Will she sink?" I says.

"Yes," he says, "and before long now;" and then he went on swimming hard, while I could do nothing but watch first the boats, and then the burning ship.

It was grand, though awful, to see the noble vessel standing there like a pyramid of fire whose heat we could yet feel on our scorched faces. From every part now the flames were rushing, even from the cabin windows beneath where I had been so lately standing, and I could hardly keep from shuddering as I thought of the awful danger.

It was hard work forcing the raft through the water, on account of the breeze which set toward the ship; but we got further and further away, and were some distance off when the mizzen-mast went blazing over the side; but still the Captain said we were not safe, and swam on till we could feel the breeze; and at length, panting and exhausted, he hung on motionless, and said we must risk it now.

Then we were both silent, and watched the boats now further away from us, and the blazing ship seeming to be the centre of a glorious ring of light, on the outside of which, like sparks, we all lay waiting for the end we knew was sure to come. Everywhere else was dark as pitch, not even a star to be seen, while the waves just rose and curled a little over as they washed against our raft: excepting the dull roar and crackle of the flames, everything was as still as death.

All at once I started, for the Captain spoke sadly as he looked at his vessel; and out of the silence his voice sounded wild and strange:

"If I'd had a crew like you, my man, I think we could have saved her;" and then he spoke no more, for just then, from being quite still, the good ship seemed to roll a little toward us, and then to the other side, slowly and as if just bending to the breeze; and then we could almost see the water creeping up her burning sides, as clouds of steam arose; and with one calm, steady dip forward, she seemed to plunge right down beneath the golden waters. Then there was a rising and falling of the sea, and a deep, dense darkness, out of which close by me, came one of the bitterest, heart-tearing sobs I ever heard from the breast of man; and I did not speak, for I felt that it was the Captain sorrowing for the loss of his good ship.

For a good piece, the silence was as deep as the darkness, and then the Captain was the first to break it in quite a cheerful voice:

"Can you lay your hand on the rope?" he says; and I passed it to him, and then I could hear him in the dark, busily at work, tying and fastening; and at last he says: "Now crawl on again; it will bear you better;" and faint and wearily I managed to crawl on, and lay with my legs in the water, and my head on the bag of biscuit; and, directly after, I felt him crawl on too, and we took hold of hands and lay there in the deep darkness, while he said that prayer out aloud, in such a soft, deep voice—that prayer as we first learnt kneeling down years ago by our mother's knee. When he came to "Deliver us from evil," he stopped short; and soon, worn out, there in the great ocean, floating on few pieces of wood, we both felt in Whose hands we were, and slept till the warm bright sun shone upon us and told us that another day was here.

The first thing the Captain did was to stand up and look round, and then he said he could see only one boat; but he hoisted up one of the pieces of wood, and wedged it in the coop with a handkerchief flying at the top, after which we made a hearty meal of the biscuit, raw bacon and water. After this the Captain got one of the coops on the other, and by binding and lashing, he made a much higher and better raft, so that we could keep our biscuit and bacon out of the water and sit dry ourselves.

And so we lay all that day till toward evening, when we found that the boat was coming toward us, and just at dusk it was within hail; and if ever I'd felt hopeful or joyful before in my life, it was then. They had no room for us, but they took us in tow, and the weather keeping calm, we all rowed and worked in turns, steering according to the Captain's direction for the nearest land; for when our turn came we two went into the boat, and two others came out on to the raft, and so we toiled on for days, when one morning there was a joyful cry:

"A sail!" a sail!"

And it was, too, within a mile of us, plainer and plainer as that glorious sun rose; and then some laughed, some cried, and one or two seemed half mad with joy, as after a while she ran down toward us, picked us up, and proved to be a British man-of-war, homeward bound.

In another week I was back in the port I left, without clothes, without money, but with as good and true a friend in Captain Ellis as ever walked. I had life, and with it came hope; and somehow, since then, things have prospered with me in the old country—the old home that I once left to go far at sea.

SHOCKING.

From All the Year Round.

The other day, being at Seville, at the inn dinner of the Fonda de Paris, I saw an English lady thrown into great perturbation by the conduct of a Frenchman, her neighbor, who, having finished his plate of soup, and the *puchero* being somewhat tardy in making its appearance, drew forth a leathern case and a box of wax matches, and, having bitten the end off a very big and bad cigar, proceeded to light and smoke it. I do not think a Spaniard of any class, to the lowest, would have done this thing. Although smoking is common enough at Spanish dinner-tables, when only men or natives are present, the innate good-breeding of a *cabalero* would at once cause him to respect the presence of a lady and a stranger; and he would as soon think of kindling, unbidden, a weed before her as of omitting to cast himself (metaphorically) at her feet when he took his leave. Moreover, the Frenchman was wrong even in his manner of smoking. To consume a cigar at meal-times is not even *un costumbre del pais*—a custom of the country. It is rather a stupid solecism. Between soup and *puchero*, or fish and roast, you may just venture on a cigarito—a dainty roll of tobacco and tissue paper. Any other form of fumigation, ere the repast be over, is ill-mannered. The Gaul, however, thought no doubt, that to puff at one of the hideous lettuce-leaf sausages of the Regio Imperial at dinner-time was precisely the thing to do in Spain. He smoked at Seville, just as on a hot day, in an English coffee-room, he would have ordered turtle-soup, a beef-steak "well bleeding," and a pot of porter-beer. I only wonder that he did not come down to dinner at the Fonda de Paris in full bull-fighter's costume—green satin breeches, pink silk stockings, and his hair in a net, or strumming a guitar, or clacking a pair of castanets. Indeed, he grinned complacently as he pulled at the abominable brand, and looked round the table as though for approval. The Spaniards preserved a very grave aspect; and Don Shandero M'Gillicuddy, late of Buenos Ayres, my neighbor, whispered to me that he thought the Frenchman "vara rude." As for the English lady, she was furious. She gathered up her skirts, grated away her chair, turned her left scapula full on the offending Frenchman, and I have no doubt wrote by the next post to Mr. John Murray, of Albemarle-street, indignantly to ask why English readers of the Handbook were not warned against the prevalence of this atrocious practice at Spanish dinner-tables. In fact, she did everything but quit the hospitable board. In remaining she showed wisdom; for Spain is not a country where you can afford to trifle with your meals. You had best gather your rosebuds while you may, and help yourself to the puchero whenever you have a chance. Ages may pass ere you get anything to eat again.

The Frenchman was not abashed by this palpable expression of distaste on the part of his fair neighbor. I had an over-the-way acquaintance with him, and, glancing in my direction, he simply gave a deprecatory shrug, and murmured "Ah! *c'est comme ca.*" SHOCKING! It never entered the honest fellow's head that he had been wanting in courtesy to the entire company, but he jumped at the conclusion that the demoiselle Anglaise was a faultless monster of prudery, and that the inhalation of tobacco-smoke at dinner time, the employment of a fork as a toothpick, the exhibition of ten thousand photographed "legs of the ballet" in the shop windows, and frequent reference to the anonymous or Bois de Boulogne world in conversation, were to her, and her sex and nation generally, things abhorrent, criminal and "shocking."

The French, who never get hold of an apt notion or a true expression without wearing it threadbare and worrying it to death, and have even traditional jests against this country, which are transmitted from caricaturist to caricaturist, and from father to son, have built up the "faultless monster" to which I alluded above, and persist in believing that it is the ordinary type of the traveling Englishwoman. Oddly enough, while their ladies—and all other continental ladies—have borrowed from ours the quaint and becoming hat, the colored petticoats and stockings, and the high-heeled boots which of late years have made feminine juvenility so coquettish and so fascinating, no French draughtsman, no French word-painter, ever depicts the English young lady save as a tall, rigid, and angular female—comely of face if you will, but standing bolt upright as a life-guardsman, with her arms pendent, and her eyes demurely cast down. She always wears a straw bonnet of coal-scuttle form, or an enormous flap-hat with a green veil. Her hands, encased in beaver gloves, and her feet, which are in sandaled shoes, are very large. She usually carries a capacious reticule in variegated straw of a bold chess-board pattern. She seldom wears any crinoline, and her hair is arranged in long ringlets most deliciously drooping. She seldom opens her mouth but to ejaculate "Shocking!" It is absolutely astounding to find so accurate an observer and so graphic a narrator as Monsieur Théopile Gautier falling into this dull and false conventionalism in his charming book on Spain. He is describing Gibraltar, and is very particular in the portrayal of such a Miss Anglaise as I have sketched above. The fidelity of the portrait will of course be fully appreciated by all British officers who have mounted guard over the Pillars of Hercules. The ladies of the garrison at Gibraltar are not, it is true, so numerous as they might be. Calpe is not a popular station with military females. There is no native society beyond the families of the "Rock sio pions," who are usually dealers in mixed pickles and Allsopp's pale ale, and a few Spaniards who earn a remunerative but immoral livelihood by coining bad dollars and smuggling Manchester cottons and Bremen cigars through San Roque; and unfortunately, to ladies of a theological turn, one of the chief charms of a sojourn in a foreign garrison is here lacking. There is nobody to convert in Gibraltar but the Jews; and as it takes about a thousand pounds sterling to convert a Hebrew into a Christian—and a very indifferent Christian at that, for you have to set him up in business and provide for his relations to the third and fourth generation—missionary enterprise, to say the least, languishes. With all these drawbacks, I am told that English female society at the Rock is charming; that their costume, their features and their manners are alike sprightly and vivacious, and that the "girls of Gib," as regards that rapidity and entrain which are so pleasingly characteristic of modern life, are only second to the far-famed merry maidens of Montreal, whose scarlet Knickerbockers and twinkling feet disporting on the glassy terrace of the Victoria "Rink," have led captive so many old British grenadiers. When a maiden of Montreal is unusually rapid—what is termed "fast" in this country—they say she is "two forty on a plank road," two minutes and forty seconds being the time in which a Canadian trotter will be backed to get over a mile of deal-boarded track.

Now, whatever could Monsieur Gautier have been thinking of so to libel the ladies of Gibraltar? They slow! They angular! They "*avec la dimarche d'un grenadier!*" They addicted to the national ejaculation of "Shocking!" That old oak, however, of prejudice is so very firmly rooted that generations, perhaps, will pass away ere foreigners begin to perceive that the stiff, reserved, Puritanical Englishman or Englishwoman, if they still indeed exist and travel on the Continent, have for sons and daughters ingennous youths, who in volatile vivacity are not disposed to yield the palm to young France, and gaily-attired maidens, frolicsome, not to say frisky, in their demeanor. It is curious that the French, ordinarily so keen of perception and so shrewd in social dissection, should not, by this time, have discovered some other and really existent types of English tourists, male and female, to supply the place of the obsolete and well-nigh mythical "Mees," with her long ringlets, her green veil, her large hands and feet, and her figure full of awkward and ungainly angles. And may not the British Baronet, with his top-boots, and his bull-dog, and his hoarse cries for his servant "Jhon," and his perpetual thirst for "grogs," be reckoned among the extinct animals? I was reading only yesterday, in the Chronique of one of the minor Parisian journals, a couple of anecdotes most eloquent of the false medium through which we are still viewed by the lively Gaul. In the first, the scene is laid at the Grand Hotel. An Englishman is reading the *Times* and smoking a cigar. It is a step in advance, perhaps, that the Briton should have come to a *cabana* instead of pulling at a prodigiously long pipe. The Englishman happens to drop some hot ashes on the skirt of his coat. "Monsieur, Monsieur!" cries a Frenchman sitting by, "take care, you are on fire!" "Well, Sir," replies the Briton, indignant at being addressed by a person to whom he has not been formally introduced, "what is that to you? You have been on fire twenty minutes, and I never mentioned the fact." I refrain from giving the wonderful Anglo-French jargon in which the Englishman's reply is framed. The second anecdote is equally choice. An English nobleman is "enjoying his *villeggiatura* at Naples"—by which, I suppose, is meant that he is betting on the chances of a proximate eruption on Mount Vesuvius—when his faithful steward, Williams Johnson, arrives in hot haste from England. "Well, Williams," asks the nobleman, "what is the matter?" "If you please, Milor, your carriage-horses have dropped down dead." "Of what did they die?" "Of fatigue. They had to carry so much water to help put out the fire." "What fire?" "That of your lordship's country-house, which was burnt down on the day of the funeral." "Whose funeral?" "That of your lordship's mother, who died of grief on hearing that the law-suit on which your lordship's fortune depended had been decided against you." Charming anecdotes are these, are they not? The gentleman who popped them into his column of chit-chat gave them as being for perfect authenticity and quite recent occurrence, and signed his name at the bottom; and yet I think I have read two stories very closely resembling them in the admired collection of Monsieur Joseph Miller.

The Englishman who is the hero of cock-and-bull stories, and the English lady who is always veiling her face with her fan, and exclaiming "Shocking!" are so dear to the French and the general continental heart, that we must look for at least another half-century of railways, telegraphs, illustrated newspapers, and international colleges, before the mythical period passes away and the reign of substantial realism begins. I remember at the sumptuous Opera House at Genoa, seeing a ballet called "The Graceful Baboon," in which there was an English General who wore a swallow-tail coat with lapels, Hessian boots with tassels, a pig-tail, colossal bell-pull epaulettes, and a shirt-frill like unto that of Mr. Bodkin Swanks. The audience accepted him quite as a matter of course, as the ordinary and recognized type of an English military officer of high rank; and then I remembered that during our great war with France, Genoa had been once occupied by an English force under Lord William Bentinck, and that his lordship had probably passed bodily into the album of costumes of the Teatro Carlo Felice, and remained there unchangeable for fifty years. In like manner the 'Americans, irritated, many years since, by the strictures of Mrs. Trollope, and stung to the quick by her sneers at the national peculiarities of "calculating" and spitting, thought they could throw the taunt back in our teeth by assuming that we were a nation of cockneys, hopelessly given to misplacing our Hs. I had no sooner put down the lively chronique containing the Joe Millerisms, than I took up a copy of the New-York TIMES, a paper of very high character and considerable ability, and edited, Mr. Henry Raymond, one of the most distinguished of living American politicians, is doing good service to the Republic by striving—almost alone, unhappily—to stem the tide of the intolerance and tyranny of the dominant faction. In a leading article of the New-York TIMES I read that when the British lion was reproached with his blockade-running sins, and other violations of neutrality during the war, the hypocritical beast turned up his "cotton-colored eyes" and whimpered, "Thon cannot say Hi did it." The gentleman who wrote the leader doubtless thought he had hit us hard with that "Hi." He would have shot nearer the bull's-eye had he asked why Lord Russell is always "obleged" instead of obliged, and why the noble practice of Knowsley is Lord "Derby" to one set of politicians and Lord "Stanley" to another. But these little niceties of criticism seem to escape our neighbors. The imputation of cockneyism is a bit of mud that will stick. The Americans have made up their minds that we are "Hallways wanting the value of hour harms," and "hexulting hover hour happiness hunder the ouse of Anover." No disclaimers on our part will cause them to abandon their position. Nor in this case, nor in that of "Shocking," do we lie open, I venture to think, to accusations of a tu quoque nature. We caricature our neighbours more closely and observantly than they do us. We have found out long since that the Yankee is not invariably a sallow man in a broad-brimmed straw hat, and a suit of striped nankeen, who sits all day in a rocking-chair with his feet on the mantelpiece, sucking mint julep through a straw. We know the circumstances under which we will permit him to put his feet up, and season most favorable to the consumption of julep. We have even ceased to draw him as he really was frequently visible, some twenty years since, as a cadaverous straight-haired individual, clean shaved in a black tail-coat and pantaloons, a black satin waistcoat, and a fluffy hat stuck on the back of his head, and the integument of his left cheek much distended by a plug of tobacco.

The English painter of manners takes the modern American as he finds him: a tremendous dandy, rather "loud" in make-up, fiercely moustachioed and bearded, ringed and chained to the eyes, and, on the continent of Europe at least, quoting Rafaelles and Titians, Canovas and Thorwaldsens, as confidently as he would discourse of quartz or petroleum in Wall-street. We know that he has long since ceased to "calculate" or "reckon," and that "much, now, if he "guesses" or "expects." Not long ago, at Venice, an old English traveler was telling me of an American family with whom he had traveled from Florence to Bologna. One of the young ladies of the party, it seems, did not approve of the railway accommodation, and addressed the Italian guard in this wise: "My Christian friend, is this a first-class kyar, or a cattle-wagon?" At a subsequent stage of the journey the eldest gentleman of the group had remarked: "Say, if any of you gals bought frames at Florence, I can supply you with a lot o' pictures I got at Rome, cheap." "They were model Yankees," the old English traveler chuckled, as he told me the story. "Not at all," I made bold to answer; "they were very exceptional Yankees indeed. They were, probably, shoddy people of the lowest class, rapidly enriched, and who had rushed off to Europe to air their new jewelry and their vulgarity." Nine-tenths of the Americans one meets traveling abroad now-a-days are well-informed and intelligent persons, often more fully appreciative of the beauties of art than middle-class English tourists. The American's ambition extends to everything, in the heavens above and on the earth beneath, and in the waters under the earth. If he doesn't appreciate Italian pictures, his wife and daughters will, so that at least there shall be a decent amount of connoisseurship in the family; whereas, to the middle-class English, foreign picture-galleries are usually an intolerable bore; the paterfamilias very probably labors, besides, under a vague and secretly uneasy feeling that it does not become a man with less than twenty thousand a year and a handle to his name to talk of Rafaelles and Titians. There may be vulgar pretenders among the Americans whom one meets roving through the churches and galleries of the Continent—among what nations are vulgarity and pretence not to be found?—but take them for all in all, the love and appreciation for high art, although its very elements are of yesterday's introduction, are more generally discriminated in the United States than in England. The amazing development of photography, and the consequent circulation of the noblest examples of art at very cheap rates, together with the American mania for traveling, are the leading causes of their precocious proficiency in studies in which our middle classes are, as yet, but timid and bungling beginners.

It is true that they have not yet learnt to discriminate between Englishmen whose speech is that of educated gentlemen, and those who put their Hs in the wrong place. Perhaps their ears are at fault. There are none so deaf as those who will not hear. But I adhere to my position, that we are able to jot down their little changes of manners more accurately than they are able to do ours. We do not wear our jokes against them threadbare, or worry their foibles to death after the French fashion. Pennsylvania repudiation was a good jest in its day, made all the more bitter by being almost wholly destitute of foundation in truth; but no one could help laughing at Sydney Smith's denunciations of the "men in drab," and his comically vindictive wish to cut up a Quaker, and apportion him, buttonless coat, broad-brimmed hat and all, among the defrauded bondholders. When it was discovered that Pennsylvania paid her obligations, the jokes about pails of whitewash grew stale, and we abandoned them for good. So it was with the great sea serpent. For years the English newspapers used to have their weekly quota of examples of American exaggeration and long-bowism. We used to read about the cow which, being left out on a frosty night, never afterward gave anything but ice-creams; about the man who was so tall that he had to climb up a ladder to take his hat off; about the discontented clock down East, which struck work instead of the hours. These jokes, too, have now become stale, and barely suffice to gain a giggle from the sixpenny seats when emitted by the comic singer at a music-hall. Sarcasms anent American brag and buncomb have not quite died out from English conversation and English journalism; for, unfortunately, the newest file of American papers are full of evidence that buncomb and brag are, on the other side of the Atlantic, as current as ever.

How is it that, when foreigners wish to quiz us—however good-humoredly—

trothed to the father of the rajah. The young Ranees, or whatever they are called, are very shy, and stand with their eyes closed, but the older ones had great fun when we were going away, in pouring the attar over our gowns, and utterly spoiled mine, which was silk; next time I shall goan muslin. When we came down, the trays for G. were brought in; they covered what would be called a very large room, and some of the gold stuffs have turned out to be very beautiful. It is a stupid etiquette, that we are not to appear to see these presents. It is a tribute, and the superior is to be too grand to see what the inferior offers. When that was done, we went to the illumination, which was done on a very large scale, but not so neatly as at home.

The French in Hamburg.

From the Cornhill Magazine.

The first occupation of Hamburg by the French under DAVOUST (of whom SIR BOUGE says, "*J'ai oui dire qu'il n'était pas tendre,*") lasted till March, 1813. It was a reign of arbitrary power, when spoliation and extortion were permitted and justice was defied; but it was a period of less suffering than that which followed. Patriotic citizens enrolled themselves into a guard for their own protection, and of course the authorities, or rather those who were in power, suspected their intentions. PERTHES and others drilled in secret in their own houses, and his name was first on the list of those to be arrested; houses were searched, the sick and even the insane disturbed in their beds, and the family never lay down to rest without providing means for his escape, and planning, with the help of a relative who was his clerk, how to gain time by delay if the dreaded visit should take place during the night. "In 1813 Moscow was burnt;" French soldiers were needed elsewhere, and till a more stringent conscription had filled the thinned ranks, Hamburg was evacuated. The Hanse Towns formed themselves into a league for their common defence, in such emergencies, as in the earliest periods of society, physical strength must accompany mental energy, and in this respect, unfortunately, VAN HESS, their commander, was wanting. His health was feeble. It needed the utmost exertions of those who served under him to make up for the deficiency. Foremost among these was PERTHES, and whatever were their difficulties, the defence, when DAVOUST and VANDAMME bombarded the town, was so brilliant that DAVOUST, infuriated, declared, "if he could get into Hamburg for two hours, he would not leave one stone on another, and would strip the inhabitants of everything but their eyes to weep over their misery." Misery it was indeed. SR. JUST said, "*Ceux qui font les révolutions dans le monde, ceux qui veulent faire le bien, ne doivent dormir que dans le tombeau.*" It was for a higher cause than to effect a revolution that PERTHES devoted himself. "For twenty-one nights," writes his wife, "he has not been to bed or changed his clothes. All day I was in fear for his safety, and he could only come in now and then for half an hour at a time. Not a man was left in the house, all were under arms, but people were continually coming and going, asking for anything to eat or to drink, for no one that we knew had yet begun to keep house again in the town. In the large room I had a number of mattresses spread, where many of our weary townsmen might lie down. One of our friends, and many whom we knew, were killed on the ramparts. But the French were daily reinforced, and no town could hold out long unassisted. "Day and night I passed on the battlements," she writes again, "watching to see if my husband or any of my family or friends were among the wounded who were carried to the hospital." At last—and it was only at the very last—the family of PERTHES escaped to Wandsbeck, which is on Danish ground. This was on the night of the 28th of May; on the 30th the Russians retired, and Hamburg was again at the mercy of the French. In the night PERTHES joined his wife and children for a moment. Wandsbeck was too near to be safe for one who had been so prominent among the defenders of the city, or even to be sufficiently secure for his family. They must push on to Nutschau, and put themselves under the protection of Count MOLTKE, and he must go further off still. There was no time to hesitate, or even to prepare; they set out in a country cart, and reached the place before morning. "There were ten of us, and seven beds, so I spread cloaks on bundles of linen for the children to lie on;" but even there they could not stay, so active was the search for PERTHES, and they went on into what has lately been the scene of the war between Prussia and Denmark, to Eckenförde, where Count CAIUS REVENTLOW could give them a little deserted cottage by the seaside. PERTHES had succeeded in carrying off from Hamburg his account books, and he sat down to examine them resolutely, to see what were his means. Everything was lost; the house of business and all his property were sequestered; his dwelling-house was stripped of its contents and inhabited by a French General; he had no ready money. Comfort there was none; consolation he might take from the expressions of esteem and confidence he received from one and all of his creditors, and from many eminent men, his friends. How the fearful ordeal had stirred the depths of the German woman's soul, may be seen in her proud rejoicing that her husband was excluded from the general amnesty that the French proclaimed on reentering Hamburg. "I am thankful from the bottom of my heart," she writes to her husband, who has taken refuge in Mecklenburg, "that your name is found among those of the enemies of the ruling power. It will be our pride and our happiness as long as we live." Their life at Eckernforde required the consolation of these generous feelings.

The house consisted of a room and some lofts. Except the farmer who lived hard by, there was not a soul for miles round, and with all his good will, he had literally not the means of giving us more than milk and butter. Bread, salt, soap, and oil, and such things had to be fetched from three miles off, and this was the task of my sister and the two eldest children. For eighteen weeks we saw neither meat nor white bread; the so-called kitchen was outside the house; it was supplied with four copper saucepans and a tin one, a few plates, and that was all. I had saved some spoons; we bought knives and forks; but we were rich in comparison with many of our friends, for at all events we had a hundred times more than nothing." The room alluded to had in it twelve windows opening down to the ground, and these in a house by the seaside during a wet Summer were anything but wholesome, causing constant illness both to the children and their mother; while, though there was a good-natured horse-doctor at Eckenforde, there was no better advice nearer than Kiel. The Reventlows and Hallbergs were constant in their kindness, but it was a fearful time. Letters from PERTHES reached her irregularly, while rumors, exaggerated and confused, of his danger came through others. He dared not expose her to the risk of coming to him—he could not go to her. But the political horizon was clearing, figures came out plainer, too, in the foreground, if the middle distance remained indistinct. On the Christmas evening of 1813 he suddenly appeared in the family circle, but only for a very few days, for on him had devolved the duty of distributing the sums of money sent forth from all parts to relieve the distress of those who had been driven out of Hamburg. The consequences of war were becoming more keenly felt as its excitement was lessening; posts were irregular and interrupted—he was but a few miles from Hamburg, and could get no news of his wife who was at Kiel. He became alarmed, and succeeded in reaching her. "You are all well?" was his first question—but one little one was lying dead, and the letters to warn him of its illness and tell him of its death were lost. A summons from the Russian headquarters to a conference about the fugitives from Hamburg interrupted his passionate grief. "In times like these, and for such a purpose, you must obey the call," said his brave wife; and again he was plunged into the midst of all the misery, poverty and fever caused by the occupation of the country by foreign troops. An accident, followed by an attack of the fever, brought him to the verge of the grave, and before he recovered the French were gone. From Blankenese, where he lay recovering, he saw the white flags fly out from the towers and steeples of the city; but he saw, too, the returning exiles land from the boats at the mouth of the Elbe; groups of worn parents dragging along many children who gathered twigs off the first bushes they come to, as if taking possession of their country again; carriage-loads of little children, whose parents had died in the hospitals at Bremen; exiles returning from Hanover, "many people and no baggage," but they were going back to their homes.

A Night on Board the London.

From the Cornhill Magazine.

Presently MR. GRANT, one of the junior officers, came round raising volunteers for the pumps. At this time there was a great difficulty in getting men to go to the pumps; not but what they were willing to work, but they dreaded going on to the deck—the night cold and dark—and a danger of being washed out to sea. I consented to go, though I dreaded it as much as the others; moreover, I felt very weak and fatigued, having eaten very little that day. On my way out, through the cuddy, I noticed that almost everybody had become very quiet. Ladies were sitting together talking, some reading. Those from the second cabin were there also, as well as the children. Men had become much more calm than they were three or four hours previous; there was very little conversation; every one seemed wrapped in his own thoughts. I got to the cuddy door to go out, watching an opportunity when the ship was over to leeward to open the door, so that the water should not rush in. Once on deck, what a sensation it was! Water whirling round you up to the knees—wind piercing cold—night intensely dark. I felt my way along in the darkness, again steadying myself by the ropes, &c., on the weather bulwarks, to about midships, to where the pumps were. I found about a dozen men there. I could barely distinguish figures in the dark, though I recognized a few voices. It required six to turn the wheels that worked the pumps, three at each handle. All were passengers there at the time, excepting two of the officers, Mr. ANGEL and Mr. GRANT. Mr. ANGEL was placed to see the pumps were kept going—and nobly he did his duty, I saw him there after we had left the ship, still at his post, encouraging and assisting. There were no sailors at the pumps at any time after I went out. I do not think worse of them for this. They had had a hard week of it—most all the time at work—all the time wet; poorly fed for the last day or two. Some were disabled by so much lumber on deck; I saw several who had had wounds. Mr. MUNROE went to the forecastle once to get men for the pumps, and twenty pleaded illness. The work at the pumps was very laborious. We had to take brief spells, being short-handed; occasionally we would have a fresh hand, whom Mr. GRANT had persuaded to come, while others left off, quite done up; and indeed it was a trying place. The seas broke over us so roughly that sometimes I felt the water up round my neck. At these moments the pumps would have to stop; but as soon as the tide had receded, then would be heard Mr. ANGEL's voice, "Round with the pumps, keep them going." There was a good deal of talking and encouraging to keep up pluck and make the work go lighter. I felt much happier here, away from the women, for seeing so many frightened made me feel worse, and when inside you did not know how matters stood, whether she was sinking or not, and I had a great horror of being shut up inside when she did go. After being about an hour there we were getting fatigued—wanted a stimulant—and wished we could get something to drink. One said, "I will try and get some." He went to the cuddy and returned with a bottle of whisky, which was fully appreciated. It gave us new life. Some time after Mr. MAIN, a passenger, and I were sent to the cuddy to raise volunteers, as we were getting worn out. When we got in I saw a good many men sitting there, and asked every one; some went out, some were not well, some sitting beside their wives and children. The mother would say, "Oh, do not take him from me!"

Marshal Vaillant's Dog.

Paris Correspondence of the London Star.

Marshal VAILLANT is very fond of dogs, and he is the happy possessor of one whose intelligence many men would be happy to share. I allude to Brusca, the intimate friend of Nero, the Emperor's own dog. *Le Nord* gives some interesting details of the little animal, whose portrait by JADIN attracted so much attention at the last year's exhibition. Brusca was found on the field of battle of Solferino. His master, an Austrian officer, had been killed that day, and the poor dog was found howling by the side of his dead body. Some French soldiers, touched by the sight of his evident grief, carried him away in their arms, and brought him to the Major-General of the army, Marshal VAILLANT. The Marshal accepted the gift, and brought him with him to Paris. At first Brusca, having been educated in Germany, had great difficulty in understanding French; indeed, unless he was spoken to in German, he walked off and turned his tail to the speaker with an air of utter disgust. However, he has now acquired the language, and were ten Austrian regiments between him and his present master all their Teutonic sounds would not prevent his reaching the Marshal. Whenever he goes to Court, Brusca goes likewise; whether the Emperor himself be in his way or not is nothing to him, Brusca would quietly walk over the imperial boots to secure a snug seat near the Marshal. He attends Cabinet Councils with the utmost regularity. This Winter Brusca was immensely bored by the length of the discussions, and sneezed and coughed as usual when he considers that the Council has sat long enough; but on this special occasion his impatience rose to a loud whine, which producing no effect on the Ministers, he walked straight up to the Emperor and scratched his trousers. His Majesty, annoyed at being interrupted, pushed the dog away and said, "Est-il bête, ce chien!" "Bête?" said the Marshal, indignantly; "no, Sire, he is not stupid—you shall see." The Minister rose, took a newspaper off the table, and going to the far end of the Council Chamber, said, "Brusca, take that to the Emperor." Each of the Ministers, as he passed them with the paper in his mouth, tried to get it from him. Brusca would not let it go, and carried it safely to his Majesty. From that to this Brusca has his *entrée* at all Cabinet Councils. He keeps himself beautifully clean, and when his paws are muddy he carries a brush, left for his special use in one spot, to one of the Marshal's servants, and barks at him till he brushes off every particle of dust.

Batty, the Lion-Tamer of Paris.

Galignani says: "The weavers of the romance which are called *canards*, and serve as pabulum for the public, have ran riot with BATTY's name. His terrific encounter with the lioness' has given occupations to the pen, the pencil and pallet of every scribbler and dauber of the age. When reduced to its fair proportions the incident which so horrified the town is stripped of much of its romance. The lioness was in an interesting condition, and peculiarly unfavorable to saltation. In bounding over BATTY, impeded by her burden, her fore paw caught in BATTY's tunic, which, as well as the flesh from his shoulder, was sorely rent. The beast and her *dompteur* fell together, but in a moment BATTY resumed his sway, and having established his authority in the den, retired to staunch his wounds. From these he soon recovered, but the police refused him permission to resume his performances. He was at liberty, they told him, to be devoured in social seclusion with his *protégés*, but the public must not be exposed to a repetition of recent horrors. BATTY solicited the attendance of some competent envoys from the police. Before them he entered the den in plain clothes, caressed, fondled, and flogged the beasts, thrust his naked arm into a pail of bullock's blood and then into the lion's mouth; but even this *sauce piquante* failed to disturb the *dompteur's* power. The police deemed this ordeal sufficient to justify their withdrawal of the prohibition, and BATTY reappeared with his beasts on Saturday amidst loud applause. The Cirque was crowded—perhaps it may be that some of the spectators were attracted by the hope of *moriturus le saluto*, such as regaled VITELLIUS and his courtiers at the Flavian Amphitheatre. But no blood was shed; there was a dreadful tameness in the performance. They who go to such places in a morbid search of sensations must have been gratified at the Cirque on Saturday. One of the MARIOS lost his hold on the trapeze, and fell from a dizzy height plump into the arena, *e cadde come corpo morte cadde*. Every one supposed his bones to be smashed into pulp. He was carried off apparently dead, but was led back into the arena half an hour later, and bowed his acknowledgments to the sympathizing audience.

SKILL VERSUS NUMBERS IN WAR.—Skill in arms is the equivalent of thousands of good troops, and may again succeed, as it has so often succeeded before, in gaining, against odds, victories which fix the fate of nations. Let us imagine that an army in the field is commanded by a General who has fought his way upward from grade to grade, who is valiant, devoted and practiced in war. He is versed in all routine duties, knows the uses and capabilities of the different arms, can choose and occupy a position, make the dispositions for the march of his columns, stubbornly cover a retreat, and save his army even after a heavy disaster. But not having a mind capable of comprehensive views or of deep study, he knows nothing of great combinations. Strategy, in the sense of a flexible science to be adapted to circumstances, is a sealed book to him; the theatre of war is written in a cipher to which he has not the key; he can deal with accidents of the country, when they present themselves, as something to be immediately attacked or defended, but they suggest no large problems by the solution of which a few marches decide a campaign. Cautious, from not knowing when he may venture to be bold, and rash from ignorance of what may be attempted against him, he spoils his offensive movements by hesitation, defends himself by makeshifts, and only half understands his own blunder when they have ruined his army. This is no unfair picture of what has often passed muster in the world as a respectable leader to be intrusted with the fate of hosts. It would do injustice to some of NAPOLEON'S most celebrated Marshals. Such a one will probably acquit himself with credit so long as he is opposed by no qualities superior to his own. But let us imagine that a General of a different stamp enters the field, one who has been taught by study and thought, not merely what has been done in war, and how to conform to respectable precedent, (although that may be much,) but how to meet new circumstances with new combinations. He has mastered the problems of strategy, and can read the theatre of war. He knows not only how to draw from a situation all its inherent advantages, but how to produce the situation. Thus, when a great opportunity arrives he is the less likely to lose it, because it is of his own making; he seizes it unhesitatingly, because he has confidence in his own knowledge of the game; and in darkness and difficulty his step is assured, because he is familiar with the ground he moves on. When such opponents are matched we have the conditions of startling, brilliant, decisive success in war.—*Col. Hamley's Operations of War.*

THE PRINCE OF CONDÉ.—The telegraph has brought us the very sad news of the early death of the Prince of Condé, the eldest son of the Duke d'Aumale. His royal highness, who was in his 21st year, was making the grand tour of the globe, which, in the education of the magnates of our day, has taken the place which the grand tour of Europe used to occupy; and he has died of typhus fever at Sydney. Of all the Princes of the house of Orleans, his father is the one who has most clearly identified himself with the institutions, and intermingled most intimately with the society of this country. During the winter which the second generation of these royal exiles spent among us in Edinburgh, his son, the Prince of Condé, in like manner, was the one of the three cousins of whom we saw most, and who was most anxious to be one of ourselves. Whilst the others were our occasional guests, the Prince of Condé lived in the family of our townsman, Prof. LORIMER, expressly in order that he, and his royal cousins through him, might see the interior of a Scottish household. In accordance, it was believed, with the recommendation of the Prince Consort, the French princes were placed in Dr. SCHMITZ's class at the High School. Naturally clever, and admirably prepared as they had been, they all took high places; they were fine, handsome, spirited boys, and as they mingled with their schoolfellows without the slightest reserve, they all became great favorites. But it was "little Condé," as he was affectionately called, who bridged over the gulf which otherwise might have separated the sons of Edinburgh citizens from princes of the house of Bourbon. It was he who asked permission to invite his schoolfellows to dinner, and planned little railway trips, and hired horses and carriages for their amusement of a Saturday. Full of love for Scotland, his heart was still in France, and we well remember the longing enthusiasm with which he spoke of it, and the transports of youthful hilarity with which he recognized every trace of the old connection between the countries. As he grew up to manhood we saw him less frequently, but an occasional visit, or an occasional letter, was sufficient to show us that he had not changed, or that, whatever the fortunes of his family might have been, this country more immediately, and Europe in a wider sense, would have had in him one of the most cultivated of gentlemen and one of the kindliest, gentlest, and most genial of God's creatures.—*Edinburgh Evening Courant.*

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A crowd was assembled outside the railing which divides the Court of the Tuileries from the Palace du Carousel. The band of a regiment of the Imperial Guard was playing, and some grooms were leading a charger up and down the inner court. The horse was one of His Majesty's chargers, and was splendidly caparisoned. The question arose among the crowd if this preliminary exercise was in anticipation of the Emperor starting a second time for Italy, which inquiry was answered by the simple explanation given by one of the servants that the charger was to be sent down to the camp at Châlons, and would be ridden by His Majesty during the usual manœuvres. It was well the simple fact was explained. Less trifling circumstances have caused a fall in the funds ere now.

The bullion which the King of Hanover has been fortunate enough to lodge in the Bank of England through his Finance Minister, was shipped at Bremen in sight of three Prussian men-of-war; but as the vessel which bore the costly freight had the Bremen colors hoisted, and as Bremen, having voted for the Prussian Government at the late sitting of the Federal Diet, is at peace with Prussia, no notice could be taken of the proceedings.

The *Journal du Havre* contains the following extract from the report of Captain TESSA, commander of the French ship *Le Coq*, just arrived from the coast of Africa: "A large sea serpent pursued me for two days. This creature must have been sixty metres in length. Thanks to a storm, it disappeared, and was not seen again." The report itself is published in full in the same paper, and there can be no doubt as to its genuineness.

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The ancient title of Mar now descends to a son of Mr. GOODEVE, of Bristol, the young gentleman being, we understand, a curate in the Episcopal Church. But the title descends without any estate, the whole estates descending to the heir male, Col. W. C. ERSKINE, Tillicoultry House, the cousin of the late Earl. The title of Mar descending to being whomsoever, goes to Mr. GOODEVE without an inch of ground to support the honor. So much for the separation of the estate and title. The late Earl had, by great economy, redeemed the estates from all burdens, and accumulated large means, which, it might have been supposed, would have been partly reserved for the heir of the title. But, strange to say, his lordship has bequeathed the whole of his personal means and effects to the heir to the estates; and the son of a deceased sister of the new departed Earl becomes the possessor of nothing more than a barren honor.—*Alias Advertiser.*

A crowd was assembled outside the railing which divides the Court of the Tuileries from the Palace du Carousel. The band of a regiment of the Imperial Guard was playing, and some grooms were leading a charger up and down the inner court. The horse was one of His Majesty's chargers, and was splendidly caparisoned. The question arose among the crowd if this preliminary exercise was in anticipation of the Emperor starting a second time for Italy, which inquiry was answered by the simple explanation given by one of the servants that the charger was to be sent down to the camp at Châlons, and would be ridden by His Majesty during the usual manœuvres. It was well the simple fact was explained. Less trifling circumstances have caused a fall in the funds ere now.

The bullion which the King of Hanover has been fortunate enough to lodge in the Bank of England through his Finance Minister, was shipped at Bremen in sight of three Prussian men-of-war; but as the vessel which bore the costly freight had the Bremen colors hoisted, and as Bremen, having voted for the Prussian Government at the late sitting of the Federal Diet, is at peace with Prussia, no notice could be taken of the proceedings.

The *Journal du Havre* contains the following extract from the report of Captain TESSA, commander of the French ship *Le Coq*, just arrived from the coast of Africa: "A large sea serpent pursued me for two days. This creature must have been sixty metres in length. Thanks to a storm, it disappeared, and was not seen again." The report itself is published in full in the same paper, and there can be no doubt as to its genuineness.

A French paper states that VICTOR EMMANUEL has had three cavalry sabres made for the campaign. They are of a uniform pattern, and have been executed at the Solingen manufactory. They are simple but solid, with a scabbard of plain steel; have a massive hilt of ivory without ornaments, and were thus singled with their schoolfellows without the slightest reserve, they all became great favorites. But it was "little Condé," as he was affectionately called, who bridged over the gulf which otherwise might have separated the sons of Edinburgh citizens from princes of the house of Bourbon. It was he who asked permission to invite his schoolfellows to dinner, and planned little railway trips, and hired horses and carriages for their amusement of a Saturday. Full of love for Scotland, his heart was still in France, and we well remember the longing enthusiasm with which he spoke of it, and the transports of youthful hilarity with which he recognized every trace of the old connection between the countries. As he grew up to manhood we saw him less frequently, but an occasional visit, or an occasional letter, was sufficient to show us that he had not changed, or that, whatever the fortunes of his family might have been, this country more immediately, and Europe in a wider sense, would have had in him one of the most cultivated of gentlemen and one of the kindliest, gentlest, and most genial of God's creatures.—*Edinburgh Evening Courant.*

THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.—The ways of modern thought are not favorable to the making of proverbs. Nevertheless, the nineteenth century can hardly pass away without at least one contribution to that stock of concentrated wisdom which was the work of simpler and unreading ages. "He lies like a telegram" will probably be the legacy which we shall leave to posterity, and posterity will doubtless appreciate its truth, as a proof of the wisdom of their ancestors. From the moment, indeed, when the electric telegraph was invented it was foreseen by thinking people that its capacity for undetectable falsehood would, in great measure, some stringent precautions accompanied its use, the mischief it would do would be most serious. A telegraphic message would plainly lack all the credentials which in some measure guarantee the truth of written information. Except under peculiar circumstances, the words which flash along the wires tell nothing as to their authorship. It is in the power of any scoundrel to send any message to anybody in the name of anybody else, by simply giving a formal order to the telegraph office. The handwriting, which is the chief credential of the manuscript letter, being wanting, the receiver of the news is absolutely at the mercy of the person who communicated with him. Just now, every day is bringing fresh proofs of the evils of a machinery which can be turned to such abominable purposes. But as yet we have had small experience of the magnitude of the calamities which these lying telegrams may inflict. If the Atlantic cable is once laid in safety and got into work, conceive the effect of false information sent by it between Europe and America. Cleverly managed, falsehoods sent over in a few minutes would do mischief positively irreparable. If, indeed, any practical arrangement could be devised analogous to the cypher used in ordinary secret correspondence, a certain degree of security would be attained. At any rate, the evils of the present system seem to be promising so startling a development of their powers that we may hope that attention will by degrees be awakened to the perils we are all of us daily running.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

ENCOURAGEMENT OF VIRTUE IN FRANCE.—When St. Paul told Timothy that "godliness has the promise of the life that now is, as well as of that which is to come," he had small notion of the form in which the year 1866 would furnish a proof of the truth of his statement. The "French Society for the Encouragemeut of Virtue" has just bestowed three prizes on three persons distinguished for their good morals. A servant-maid, a nun, and a ballet-girl have carried off the principal rewards, and henceforth will be duly ticketed as preeminently distinguished for obedience to the Ten Commandments. The servant was distinguished for devotion to her employer's interests—(alas! that we have so few such paragons among ourselves!) the nun displayed heroic energy and courage in the hospitals of Smyrna—(oh! for such nurses in the workhouses of London!)—and the ballet-girl was the pattern of everything proper while dancing at the Porte Saint Martin to support her family. What an exquisitely comic combination of ideas the whole affair presents, and what a satire upon the mode in which modern Christian teachers enforce Christian morals upon tempted Christians! Here in England we have not got beyond HODGE the ploughman and farm-servants in general; whether because HODGE alone needs encouragement in the practice of virtue, or because butlers, cooks, nurses and dancing-girls are inaccessible to the attractions of a "prize" for eminence in Christianity, we cannot say. In France they are far ahead of us, and while Rome canonizes only dead saints, and often very dirty ones, Paris has her sacred nimbus for the heads of the living and the clean. We shall perhaps do better ourselves by and by; but in the meantime one can only exclaim, "What would St. Paul have thought of such a device for the propagation of the cardinal virtues?"—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

NOVELTIES AT THE PARIS EXHIBITION.—The Imperial Commission state that it is their intention to organize, in connection with the Exhibition, a series of international regattas, Venetian *fêtes*, &c., and invite the cooperation of England, and especially desire that the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge shall be represented. It is intended to hold these regattas on the Seine, a portion of the quay of which will be connected with the Park of the Exhibition. A special building will be erected on the quay for the exhibition of all matters connected with navigation, including marine engines—which it is proposed to exhibit in motion—life-boats, apparatus for saving life, &c. Small yachts and boats of all kinds will be exhibited on the Seine immediately in front of the quay. A certain space on this quay is offered to England, and our countrymen who may desire to take part in this friendly competition are assured that they will meet rivals worthy of them. Among other objects that will be shown, there are the marine engines of Indret, of one thousand horse-power, which will be set in motion by steam furnished from their own boilers.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Cleveland *Herald* of the 6th inst. gives a thrilling story of a brave mother's devotion and peril. The dwelling-house of a Mr. SUTTLE, of Huron County, was burned on the 3d, with its contents. The parents awoke to find their premises wrapped in flames. Mr. SUTTLE having breathed the hot air was unable to do anything. Upon seeing this, Mrs. SUTTLE started for the children, and succeeded in rescuing two. The other child, a boy some two years of age, was still in the house. Again Mrs. SUTTLE, at the risk of her life, started for him. While the flames were rolling in the upper part of the rooms, she crept on her hands and knees under them and rescued the little fellow. Thus three lives were saved in the dead of night by the exertions of a frail woman.

The question of the removal of Genesee College is being discussed by the friends of that institution. It is now mainly supported by the patronage of the Genesee and East Genesee Conferences of the M. E. Church. To give it a wider patronage and influence, the Black River and Ontario Conferences propose to assist in the permanent endowment, providing a more central location can be secured. A correspondent of the Rochester *Union* urges the claims of Syracuse as the best locality for it.

The vote in West Virginia on the amendment to the State Constitution, was on Tuesday officially declared as follows: For ratification, 22,224; for rejection, 15,302—majority for the amendment, 6,922. Through the negligence of the clerks no returns were received from the counties of Cabell, Doddridge, McDowell, Nicholas and Raleigh, in all of which elections were held, and which would have somewhat increased the majority.

MALCOLM MCLAREN MCVICAR, son of the late Lieut.-Col. MCVICAR, was drowned at Rochester on Saturday afternoon, while bathing. He was 10 years of age. On the same afternoon another boy, 8 years of age, named LEO HEFFNER, was also drowned. The bodies of both were recovered. The latter was a son of Mr. FRANK HEFFNER, who lost another son by drowning four years ago.

The residence of Mr. ROYAL WHITE, at Syracuse, was robbed on Sunday afternoon, while the family was absent at church, of one Onondaga County bond of $1,000 of the fifth loan, No. 243, due April 1, 1869; one Onondaga County bond for $500 of the same loan, No. 192, due April 1, 1870, with coupons attached to both bonds, interest due semi-annually; also, nineteen $10 National Bank bills.

Mr. STEPHENS, euphoneously called "Head Centre," has been put in jail at Boston, to answer to the suit of another Centre, (Mr. SPENCE,) for several thousand dollars. In his cool and quiet cell, Mr. STEPHENS may think of greater sells, and quote the gentle Sell-kirk thus: "I am monarch of all I survey, from the centre all round to the sea."

Gen. SHERMAN had a warm reception yesterday at Boston. Considering the state of the thermometer, it could not reasonably be cool. Gov. BULLOCK gave him a cordial welcome, and lots of army officers called to look upon the man who "marched down to the sea."

A long-contested election case was decided in Philadelphia yesterday by Judge ALLISON. He determines that DAVID P. WEAVER, Democrat, was duly elected last October to the office of City Commissioner by seventy majority over JOHN SIVEN, Republican.

Gens. STEADMAN and FULLERTON were to leave Galveston on the 12th for New-Orleans. They have visited portions of the interior of Texas, and express satisfaction with the former and present management of the Freedmen's Bureau.

The New-Hampshire Legislature voted to raise $625,000 the coming year, by a State tax. The salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court has been raised from $2,000 to $2,400, and that of the Associate Justices from $1,800 to $2,200.

Four hundred acres of land in Bloomington, Ill., which has recently been sold at $1,000 per acre, the Bloomington *Pantagraph* says could have been bought at $200 per acre, but for the location of the Normal University one mile north of it.

A lottery scheme, gotten up by the Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Art Association for the purpose of raising funds to rebuild the State University, was drawn July 5.

The Lawrence (Mass.) *American* says that the damage to the yarn of the Pemberton Mill by the recent fire will reach from $20,000 to $30,000.

Messrs. HEBARD & SONS, of Boston, have undertaken to light the streets of Portland with oil gratuitously until the supply of gas is renewed.

Two murders were done in Cincinnati on Friday night—one for money and the other for revenge.

Buffalo will raise about ten thousand dollars for the assistance of the sufferers by the great fire in Portland.

A forty-thousand-dollar fire occurred in Concord, N. H., on Friday night. An iron foundry and some machine shops were destroyed.

Nineteen individuals who formerly held positions in the rebel army, left Chattanooga on Tuesday, *en route* to Austria, to join the Imperial army.

Steamboating up the Missouri, to themountain gold region, is profitable. The *Peter Balen* is reported to have cleared $60,000 by her recent trip.

A soldiers' monument was dedicated in Franklin, Ohio, on July 4. An oration was delivered by Hon. CHARLES M. CROSSWELL, of Adrian.

The New-Bedford (Mass.) *Mercury* reports a sale of 1,150 barrels of sperm oil in that city on Saturday at $2 62½ per gallon.

At a recent meeting of citizens of Pensacola, Fla., measures were taken to establish a female college in that city.

The inventor of a knitting-machine boasts that with it he can make twenty-seven inches of stocking-leg in a minute.

The strike at the Lake Superior iron mines is over, and most of the men have resumed work at the old prices.

The potato-bug is reported to be doing great damage to the growing crop in some portions of the West.

A New-Hampshire man recently sheared from a year-old ewe a fleece of 18½ lbs.

ROBERT E. LEE, of Virginia, has taken up his Summer residence at Rockbridge Baths, in that State.

LOCAL NEWS.

A meeting of the Citizens' Committee for the relief of the sufferers by the late Portland fire, was held at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday. The Committee acknowledge the receipt of $58,206, and about $70,000 has been contributed through other sources and paid by Treasurer Lord. New-York's money contribution now reaches not less than $70,000, and large supplies of clothing and provisions have also been forwarded.

Five cases of cholera were officially reported on the Board of Health's bulletins yesterday—one in New-York and four in Brooklyn.

The Frenzy for Public Office.

The dispatch from Leavenworth, two or three days ago, which announced the death of Senator LANE, of Kansas, had a sentence at its close informing us that "there were thirty-four candidates for his Senatorial position." Who it was that counted the candidates we do not know, and whether anything like a complete list of them was obtained we are not informed. From our knowledge of the politics of Kansas (which are very much like the politics of any other State, differing only from most others in greater intensity,) we should judge that in stating the number of candidates at thirty-four, the estimate was greatly under the mark. Almost every town in the country of a thousand inhabitants contains a number of men who have Congressional aspirations. The popular standard of fitness for honors of this kind is by no means so high as to limit the aspirants. To be a fluent orator and to be "popular" is about all that is required. Now both of these qualifications are very easily attained. The Americans have been called a nation of orators; and certainly any man who has had an ordinary American training, who has some taste for political life, who can take strong partisan views, and who does not stutter, has but himself to blame if he does not rise into the ranks of a popular orator. Intellectual vigor, moral fitness, a sense of justice and an honorable reputation are not regarded by many of our voters and constituencies as essential requisites in the candidate for public office.

These things—namely, the meagreness of the demands made upon our public men, in point of character—make it difficult for us to attribute the raging desire for political office, which exists all over the country, to any very noble aspiration. It is impossible to accredit it to the side of pure patriotism or philanthropy. And yet of the profound and self-sacrificing patriotism which dominates the American people, what glorious proofs we had in the late war. The man unwilling to serve his country formed the exception; the man willing to suffer for it belonged to the majority. It is not to the want of patriotic feeling, in its highest sense, that we are unable to regard it, in general, as the ruling motive of those who seek place. Neither have we any idea that the bulk of aspirants of any party are governed by the base motive which is so often attributed to them—a love for money, and a desire to use public office as a means of obtaining it. The number of men who grow rich in political life is extremely small. There is much talk about the opportunities for obtaining money and attaining wealth in the position of a legislator; but we are sure the evidence of those who have had the longest and largest experience in Congressional life will show how greatly exaggerated are the popular notions on this point.

We suppose that, after all, a vague ambition for distinction is the motive that in most cases induces the greed for public office. Take, for instance, the thirty-four gentlemen, residents of Kansas, who are said to be desirous at this time to fill the vacancy created by the suicide of Senator LANE. We have no doubt that most of them are well off in their wordly affairs, and that hardly any one of them would be helped pecuniarily by attaining the object of his ambition. But look how distinction will follow success, in the case of any one of them. At least a half of these, probably, are now lawyers of mere local repute; the remainder may be merchants, farmers, or mechanics—all of them, who are not already well off, with opportunities enough of gaining wealth by their ordinary avocations; but none of them with any great prospect of ever becoming known beyond their limited field. But, behold—the successful SMITH becomes *Senator* SMITH—a rank possible to only one other man in the State. His name is known to the uttermost borders of the State, and his fame spreads throughout the nation. His speeches, heretofore reckoned of no account, are telegraphed over the land; and his influence, heretofore very limited, may be decisive upon a hundred important measures, affecting the destiny of the nation. This is more than mere wealth could command, and seems just as much more desirable. The ambition is not, in itself, a discreditable one either.

It is against the raging intensity of this ambition, its enormous prevalence, and the means used to gratify it, that we would speak. In proportion as the prize is glittering, is the excitement of the race to win it; and in proportion as it is rare are the numbers who enter the course. We have sad experience of the nature of the expedients to which political aspirants will resort, to achieve success; and we have sorrowful knowledge that in the heat of the struggle there is hardly any expedient which will not be resorted to. It is this that degrades our politics and works evil to the country; and these are the things which patriotic men should labor to keep under restraint. If the Legislature of Kansas were to pass by the entire thirty-four ambitious political aspirants who are plotting for the position of Senator LANE ere yet his corpse was in its coffin, they would teach them a lesson which might be of benefit to the young State.

RECKLESS PATRIOTISM.—The proposition before Congress forbidding the importation of dangerous Chinese fireworks may be a very good thing in its way, and, in fact, meets with general approval. But if the annual pyretechnic insanity of the Fourth of July is to be rendered harmless, something more is necessary than the prohibition of cracker-burning. The Portland fire conveys a sad lesson, but it does not represent a quarter of the mischief done on the "day we celebrate." There were in New-York several fires this year on the Fourth, and scores of persons were wounded more or less seriously by fire-arms. We suppose that the aggregate of persons wounded annually in this way is not far short of a thousand, if we count the whole United States. And what end is served? The persons who stun us at every step, who drive fever patients, as doctors tell us, to the verge of the grave by their horrible din, don't do it because they feel any special patriotism. It is only that they may gratify their organ of destructiveness, upon the only day that they are allowed to do so, by imitating the taking of life. In fact, the Fourth is in many respects but an occasion for a huge outburst of rowdyism. All this is very absurd. There are observances proper to the day—salutes, orations, parades, &c.—which fittingly express the gratitude of the nation for the position which she has attained to. But with these there need not be mingled dangers and horrors. In fact, the bill we allude to does not meet the case, which it might easily be made to do.

Prussia and Austria—The Past and the Present.

A little more than a century ago—in the Spring of 1757—Prussia began a campaign against Austria from almost precisely the same points on which the Summer campaign of 1866 will open. But the odds then were very different from what they are now. FREDERICK the Great, with slight aid from England, was making head in that year against all the principal Powers of Europe. The coalition opposed to him, consisting of Austria, France, Russia and Sweden, represented 100,000,000 of population, and had in the field 430,000 armed men. Prussia contained a population a little greater than that of New-York — some 5,000,000 — with a revenue about equal to the taxation of this City—$10,000,000 in gold. Its army, though probably the best soldiers that ever marched, was only about half of that which New-York State has sent forth in our civil war—some 190,000.

Against these odds Prussia had to struggle, but on her side was that which numbers and wealth can never outweigh—a great man of inflexible resolution and almost unequaled military genius. Prussia now counts nearly twenty millions of people, and has an army of some 600,000 men in the field, with an ally in the South, and an army nearly as strong as her own. Her opponents will probably altogether not number fifty millions of people, and their armies will probably reach some 800,000 men. Her treasury is full, and her financial condition better than that of any continental country. She enters the present struggle with far more material resources in her favor than in the famous "Seven Years' War." Austria, too, in some important respects, is relatively weaker. In the middle of the eighteenth century the great Queen MARIA THERESA had received the passionate expression of loyalty from the Hungarian population, and no internal revolt of her diverse people had then threatened the existence of the empire. Hungarian cavalry were the best weapons of the Austrian Archduke, and "harried" Silesia from the one end to the other. Now the latest news from Hungary shows the existence of a profound discontent among the Magyars, and even threatened insurrection within the interior of the Empire. Such rumors may only make probable a state of ill-feeling toward the Government, without indicating anything further; yet they are at least a sign of weakness on the Austrian side. But, on the other hand, the great superiority of Prussia during the Silesian wars no longer exists. There is no FREDERICK now in the Prussian army, whose "presence alone in a battle is worth 40,000 men." There is no General, unless the aged WRANGEL, whose name is even known to history. Prussia, like the Union in our war, has to create her Generals.

Austria has one eminent commander, though even he has never been at the head of great armies before. We have yet to learn what Gen. BENEDEK can do as Commander-in-Chief of all the Imperial armies.

The Seven Years' War opened with a very similar movement to that which the Prussians are making now. Then as once before, in 1744, and as now, the Prussians calculated on the slow and dilatory movements of their unready adversaries. From Dresden, through Pirna, the King marched his main body; his General (BEVERN) with a heavy force set forth from Zittau (the place from which the Prussian army lately marched) and from Landshue (a town in Silesia never held by one portion of the present Prussian army) another column combined with them, and the three were to attack the Austrians in front of Prague, where, as is well known, they in part surprised the Austrians before they could concentrate, and FREDERICK gained one of his most brilliant victories. It is not an utterly improbable event that in 1866 a similar decisive battle between the concentrating columns of the Prussians and the forces of the Austrians may be fought before this historic city. The probability, however, seems that Silesia, with its valley of the Oder, is to be a kind of Shenandoah Valley in this war, and to repeat the many battles of the campaigns of the great FREDERICK. The current rumors represent it to be Gen. BENEDEK's purpose to advance from his base between Cracow and Olmutz, up what may be considered a kind of promontory—the Prussian Silesia toward Breslau and Berlin. Whether the Prussians would venture to advance on the south of the mountains toward Prague, while the vast Austrian forces were penetrating the "valley," or whether the Austrians could hold the passes, (corresponding to those in the Blue Ridge,) so as to protect their flanks in their onward progress, we are unable at this distance to say. The late actions are all on the Bohemian side, at places known in the Seven Years' War, Turnau and Josefstadt, which is on the Prussian line of advance toward Prague, and near Neustadt, which is on the mountain border between Saxony and Bohemia, indicating that the Austrians were defending the line of the mountains between the two countries; though scattered Prussian detachments seem to have already broken the Cracow railway.

The names which we shall hear this Summer will recall many a never-to-be-forgotten battle-field between the great FREDERICK and the Austrians. Zittau has already been mentioned, famed beside as being bombarded and burned by the Austrians in 1757. At Görlitz, where the Prussian army has been concentrated the last four weeks, either to descend into Bohemia or Silesia, one of FREDERICK'S most distinguished Generals fell—the brave WINTERFELD. No doubt, under the necessary laws of strategy, many a battle will be fought on precisely the same ground as in the great Silesian wars. But history does not repeat itself, and from the past no one can predict what the result of the present war will be.

A COMMON VILLAINY.—The disaster at Philadelphia, whereby two millions of dollars worth of property was destroyed and three hundred persons deprived of the means of living, was, as we hear, caused by an incendiary. There have been of late many other acts of the kind all over the country, and in fact the crime of incendiarism appears to be largely on the increase. Into what proportions the work of the wretches engaged in it is to grow it is impossible to say, but one thing is certain—the law must exert more power than now for its detection and punishment. The evil, if unchecked, will do much toward crippling the resources of insurance companies, and may ultimately either force a much higher rate of premiums, or destroy the business altogether, and it is from this point of view that the subject ought to be considered. So far there seems to be little appreciation of the enormity of the crime of arson, and this is partly due to the light punishment awarded to detected incendiaries. And yet it was not many years ago a capital offence. In every country but our own it is still, if not punished by death, it is by a very long and severe imprisonment. The whole subject deserves inquiry, and, if necessary, legislation, for it involves perils of no common order and losses that may become fraught with general disaster.

The New British Ministry.

The formation of a new Ministry in Great Britain, and the accession of Lord DERBY and his Tory friends to office at the present time, is unfortunate as giving a new element of sympathy to English diplomacy in favor of Austria. It is true, England has but little influence on the continent, but what she has will be given now to the cause of reaction and of oppressive government against Italy and the Prussian idea of a united and liberal North Germany. The British Tory aristocracy will sympathize, as they did in 1849, with Austria, and lend her all the moral aid they are able. But further than this their sympathies will not lead them. On no account will England interfere in this great struggle. She has, as it were, withdrawn herself from the European circle of States, and will henceforth follow the paths of commerce and trade without mingling in European struggles and balancings of powers. Nothing but an attack on India or her colonies, or a threatened injury to her commerce, will withdraw her from this new "middle-class policy" which, if not glorious, is at least safe. Whether Tory or Liberal be at the helm, this policy will not be varied from. What will be the consequences of it, no one can as yet predict. Whether a nation can resign an imperial position, and still retain sufficient self-respect and dignity to continue as a great power, and whether mere gathering of wealth and increase of population is enough, without great actions and deeds of war, to strengthen a people against the inevitable time of trial and danger, we are not yet able to say. It is possible that a new era of peaceful greatness has begun. England is consistent to her "free trade" policy, which is one of peace, and claims that a country is stronger for war by flourishing in peace.

The new Government will, of course, leave the question of reform as it was. The Tory party have made a skillful—if not a tricky—fight for the possession of their strongholds, and they retain them—the rotten boroughs and the unequal suffrage—both. The masses have had held before them the prospect of sharing in the Government, and now the long-desired privilege has been dashed from their lips. It is not strange that we hear of disturbances among the working men of the towns and cities. The present disappointment must be great. And yet it was too much to hope that the abuses of so many centuries should be at once removed. Bold as the onset was, under such a gallant chieftain as GLADSTONE, it was not to be expected that the Liberals would at once carry the strongholds of the old Tory party, which so many interests and prejudices defended. The only wonder was that the attack was so nearly successful. It was strategy, after all, rather than force that defeated it; *finesse* more than argument. And the good fight will be repeated with better success. As Mr. GLADSTONE said, with such grand confidence, "If this bill falls, we fall, *and we shall rise with it* hereafter." The whole current of the age is with this measure. The ideas of all men in liberal countries are now in favor of gradually raising up the laboring masses, and giving them a share in government. The unmeaning distinctions in the British system of refusing suffrage to those under a certain rental, who are evidently equally fitted with those above, and the exclusion of such large classes of intelligent and self-governing men from suffrage, must come to an end.

The immense working-class must soon be recognized as a part of the nation which is to be represented, and to save England from revolution, and to establish society on a permanent basis, reform must yet prevail. This defeat only delays it a few months or years, and will make it more thorough. But with the expulsion of the Liberal Administration, must be also driven out for the present many progressive ideas and measures of reform. The doing away with the oppressive State Protestant Church over Irish Catholics, the reform of Irish land-tenure, the gradual abolition of primogeniture and the State Church in England, and the relieving the transfer of land; these and all similar measures, which would have in due course of time followed the Reform Bill, at least in public agitation, have now to be postponed indefinitely. The key of the Tory position still remains in the hands of the enemy, and all other movements must be delayed till this is carried. That process which we have before noted—of gradual Americanization of English institutions—is now stopped, and reactionary influences will for a time have the day. But as all know, not for a long time. The victory of English reform is as sure ultimately as the return of Spring. And the reform is doubly fortunate in having a leader worthy of it, in the person of Mr. GLADSTONE—a man of heroic nature, a true friend of the masses, who has gradually risen to the full conception and the leadership of this great popular movement; a genuine orator and leader of men, whose advocacy of the cause will be all the firmer and warmer, now that it has met with defeat.

What the bearing of the new Government will be towards this country we cannot judge. It certainly is not composed of our friends. But at present there is nothing which can lead to discussion between the two countries. The *Alabama* claims are postponed; our neutral duties have been performed to the utmost letter of the law; no dispute or conflict is likely to occur, and we may hope for the utmost harmony between the United States and even a Tory administration of England.

IN A QUANDARY.—A class of the Canadian people were very severe upon the American Government for the course it took during the late Fenian raid. They railed at our authorities for not doing their duty in the premises, and their wrath at times became so great that they were about ready to declare war against this country. They are, of course, in quite a quandary what to say now about the ecstatic praises uttered about us in England for the very course of conduct which they so fiercely reprobated. The English Government, Press and people are delighted with the style in which our neutrality laws were enforced, and unanimously send us their gratitude in their own behalf and in behalf of their Canadian colonies. In the face of all this the Canadians are rather inclined to begin to fancy that after all they did actually have cause of gratitude to us; but then how can they bless us in the very face of their recent maledictions? Upon matters of this kind, they should always wait until they can get advices and proper views from England.

POPULAR MUSIC.—The taste for popular music is increasing in this country with great rapidity. The vast number of people that flock to the Central Park on Saturday afternoons "to hear the music" is proof of this. Thousands also flock to the Orchestral Gardens and to the Lion Park, where some of the finest works of the masters are performed in the open air, under the supervision of the best conductors in the City; for even THEODORE THOMAS and CARL BERGMAN do not consider themselves too great to give their services to the people at these places. This growth of the love for out-door concerts of this character, is to be attributed in great degree to the efforts of the German element of our population. In Berlin and other German cities, popular music forms a much more prominent feature of life than with us; and the people give up time and business for its enjoyment. In this City, and indeed throughout the country, the greater part of our performers are Germans; and our German fellow-citizens always turn out in large numbers to the Parks and Gardens where music is given. The American people may well be grateful to the Germans for what they are doing for us in this direction.

Letter to Hon. A. H. H. Stuart, of Virginia.

THE BEECHES, Monday, July 9, 1866.

Hon. A. H. H. Stuart.

SIR: In the NEW-YORK TIMES of July 3, I find the following paragraph, which purports to be the substance of something said by you at the Commencement exercises of the University of Virginia:

"He thought that we were on the eve of another bloody revolution, as indicated by the passions of the parties, and this could be averted only by wise and moderate measures. He thought the full of the storm should be used by the South to recover its true position. Hence he would discuss the causes and consequences of the recent war—that we might obtain instruction from the past that might prove useful in the future. He thought it erroneous to suppose Slavery to be the cause of the recent struggle. There were wider and deeper causes which had existed for years. The speaker here gave a synopsis of the history of the New-England and Virginia colonies, proving that there had always been intolerance in the New-England colonies, as shown by the causes which had led to the settlement of the different colonies, by the peculiarities of their laws and organizations in religious and other matters, by the secular power the ministers had ever held there, &c."

In the NEW-YORK TIMES of July 5 I find the following paragraph from the speech of S. S. Cox, Esq., at the celebration of the 4th of July in Tammany Hall:

"When the eleven States, now under Radical ban, shall be called—who will decide as to their right to vote? As surely as 1868 shall come, there will come dissension, embroiling and war. Unless this matter is averted by timely, moderate and judicious statesmanship, there will come war—civil war; not merely a war of sections, an international war, but a war of communities, more terrible than the mind can conceive; far more atrocious in its results than the war just ended."

It seems very remarkable that on the peaceful occasion of Commencement exercises in a University, and in the patriotic celebration of the day of our independence, two gentlemen who have been in the Congress of the United States, both of whom claim to be conservative, and both of whom belong, I believe, to the Democratic Party, should threaten us with bloody revolutions, and try to frighten us from our convictions of justice and policy, by drawing the dark picture of war, desolation and revolutions! Is there to be no time, no place, no occasion sacred to the offices of the student, or to the celebration of the common glory of our country? You speak of the passions of parties. As far as I can see, this violence of passion is confined to the party who, being out of power, want very much to get in. I will give you one fact. On the Fourth of July I was in the green woods of Ohio, surrounded by hundreds and thousands of my countrymen, celebrating the independence of our country. There was no passion, no one threatened revolution, no one told the President (with whom we did not agree upon all points) that if he did not act according to our pleasure we should carry revolution and bloodshed through the country, no one said that the insolence and intolerance of Virginia had brought on the war of the rebellion. You say the great question of the day has to be settled by the West. Now, be assured in advance, that the West will yield nothing to the threats of rebels, Democrats, or Copperheads. If we must have another rebellion let it come, and wo be to the men by whom it comes!

But are you or Mr. Cox really in earnest? If this talk is mere rhodomontade, it is chiklish. If it is not, you and Mr. Cox should give your reasons. You should let us know for what, and in what way you mean to make war. You both know something of the Constitution, and you know that the Constitution provides in what way a quorum of the House of Representatives shall be formed; that the House is the sole judge of who are entitled to seats by being the sole judge of their qualifications, and that there can be no more electors for President than there are members entitled to seats with the Senators. There is nothing in the organization of the House left in the least doubt, or anything in the election for President. If the action of Congress, then, in regard to the election of its own members, or the election of President, is forcibly resisted, it will be an insurrection against the Government of the United States as complete and as electric as the firing on Fort Sumter. The West will settle that.

As to Mr. COX, I know him, and I assure you he has not the least intention of making a war or being in a war. He is a very harmless gentleman. I ask you, Mr. STUART, what you mean by being on the eve of revolution? Or, do you mean nothing?

I ask you, Mr. STUART, why you and I should not be friends? We are not young. We were Whigs together, and neither of us, I am sure, wish any evil to any part of the country. Why should we not be friends? Perhaps, if you can answer that question, you can answer it for thousands of others. You are going, I suppose, to the Convention, called by a portion of the Democrats—National. I shall not be represented in that Convention; but, I hope you will tell the outside world, exactly, what the rebels and Copperheads want the Government of the United States to do, and on what conditions you are going to war again. Do you think the four millions of negroes ought to be represented in Congress when they are not voters? Do you honestly think that South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana ought to have more representatives than the State of Ohio, when they have not half the votes? If you do think so, upon what principle of republican or democratic Government can you justify it? If you do not why do you complain of the action of Congress?

When you have settled these questions, I should like to know why you turn aside from general politics to attack New-England, and why you pervert history to do it; and whether you think this policy will tend to soften the passions.

You say that New-England was "intolerant." So was Virginia. It was a time of intolerance. The Church of England, in Virginia, was just as intolerant as the Independents in New-England. Dare you deny that? Yet you, Mr. STUART, go to the Commencement exercises of the University of Virginia, and tell the young men what horrors resulted from the intolerance of New-England! So intolerant was the tory, cavalier Government of Virginia, that it resulted, as persecution always does, in turning four-fifths of the people of Virginia into what you call Dissenters. There *was* a natural hostility between the original settlers of New-England and Virginia—and what was it? The original settlers of New-England were moral, intelligent people—mostly Independents—the Roundheads of the Commonwealth. The original settlers of Virginia were, for the most part, a scurvy set, with little intelligence and less morals. They were followed, in a few years, by a large number of CHARLES STUART'S Cavaliers, who were Church of England men, and established an utter intolerance of all other people. These, I suppose, were the ancestors of yourself and other Virginia gentlemen. If you merely mean to say that among such opposite people there was an opposition of views and feelings, it is true. But why turn it upon the intolerance of New-England, when Virginia was as intolerant? And why bring up this subject at all? Believe me, you waste your powder. The power of the Cavaliers is gone forever, and the granite of New-England remains unmoved by all the storms of malignant passion. A VETERAN OBSERVER.

TROUT PRESERVES.

A Visit to Caledonia Creek—Artificial Propagation of Trout—An Extensive Scientific Fish Manufactory.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

ROCHESTER, Monday, July 9, 1866.

With a recent experience of the capabilities of the weather in the country, I can only recommend absence from the City, as a "change of air," a departure from the frying-pan into the fire, and as I read the heat-record of the metropolis, I find little in it to commend the rural districts above those which are paved. The fact is, that when the dog-star rages, he is impartial in his intolerance, and the open fields suffer as much as the contracted limits of urban residence. Still it is fashionable and it is pleasant to get away from the din and dust of town, and despite the superior attractions of the mountains and the seaside, there may be found much to interest the tourist in a visit to Western New-York.

Rochester itself is full of beauty, and in the city and its surroundings there is much to interest a traveler. The country hereabouts, is rich and productive, and is just now clothed with an unusual luxuriance of crops. Never have we seen such rare promise of agricultural abundance as now marks the affluent region of the Genesee. Wheat, corn, oats, barley, grass, orchards and gardens are all in the height of their first promise, and already the earliest rewards of the farmer are being reaped. For many years the weevil has been the pest and terror of this section, but now the wheat comes to maturity unchecked by this destroyer. The voice of the croaker is heard no more, and so exempt from the fateful insect is the practical farmer, that he can paraphrase the old motto of the Garter, and say with truth, "Weevil be to him who weevil thinks."

Within a few miles of Rochester are many places of resort, well known to pleasure-seekers and Summer travelers. Avon Springs and those at Clifton, the Falls of Niagara and those of Portage, may be mentioned as most conspicuous, and already the tide of travel is setting toward these places. But I propose in this letter to pass by these resorts of the general public, and to give you some account of a day spent at the "trout preserves" of SETH GREEN, in Caledonia. This town is in Livingston County, some twenty miles south of Rochester. It was originally settled by the Scotch, and to this day it is peopled by the Mcs, a healthy, hardy race, pious, sturdy and moral, as rigid as their ancestors in the land of the heather. There is here a curious stream, known as Caledonia Creek—a stream not familiar to the historian or the geographer, but held in high esteem of all who cast the fly for trout. This stream has its source in a number of springs, which rapidly unite to form a creek a mile and a quarter in length, uniform in depth and width, nearly straight, unvarying in temperature, Winter and Summer; never freezing and never affected by drought or freshet. Its waters are cool and limpid; its banks are marshy or wooded. Very little surface water flows into it, and its sole mission seems to be to carry spring water to its outlet and to furnish the most remarkable haunt and hiding-place for trout that is to be found in our country. If your readers bear in mind these peculiarities they will see that it offers a singularly fine field for an essay in the science of Pisciculture.

France and England moved first in the organization and practical application of this new science, but the experiments made in this country are equal in their results to any made elsewhere, and artificial fish-raising bids fair to rise to the dignity of an "institution." Already in Europe, streams long deprived of fish have been made again productive, and fish have been produced in localities to which they had hitherto been strangers. The same thing has been done here, and, as experiments, have proved successful, and cheap food has been furnished, public attention has been drawn to the subject, and enterprise has been directed into new channels. It will not be long before the culture of fish will take its place by the side of the rearing of animals among the productive interests of the country. The *American Cyclopedia* says that a million of trout can be reared for $200. The figures hardly warrant this estimate yet, but the promise of the future is most auspicious.

The proprietor of the "trout preserves" at Caledonia is Mr. SETH GREEN, a gentleman in the prime of life, who has been an ardent sportsman from his youth upward. Game fish and game birds have been his study, and if he has a superior in knowledge of fin, fur and feather, and in general "woodcraft," we have not heard of him, and it is certainly not among those who write the sporting books. In the annual Conventions of the State Sportsman's Association, Mr. GREEN is conspicuous, and when the prize for "throwing the fly" is in contest, competition is useless. We were reminded by this by handling his silver-mounted rod, won at an annual Convention, when he cast the fly eighty-four feet—a mere bagatelle for that muscular arm and that marvelous finesse of movement. Mr. GREEN has fished for trout wherever trout were to be found. He has studied their habits thoroughly, and he knows all the peculiarities of their life, their nurture and their propagation. Years ago, familiar as he was with the prime advantages of Caledonia Creek, he meditated the plan of putting in operation the method of rearing trout, which was described faintly in the books, and talked over in the sportsmen's bivouac. So in August, 1864, he commenced operations on this stream. Here, in the circuit of a few rods, are his hatching-houses, his ponds for the infant trout, his preserves for those of larger growth, and his own residence. Hard by flows the creek, unchangeable in volume and temperature, and still furnishing the rarest sport for the lover of the angle. This creek is now in private hands, and only those who hold a license—procured for a single day for a dollar—can fish in its waters. Time and care have increased the multitude of fish, and now a day's fishing in waters once well nigh exhausted, brings a sure reward of the pleasant toil.

I shall not attempt to describe the "manufactory" or the "preserves" of Mr. GREEN in detail, but must content myself with a few general remarks. The hatching-house is a small building, roofed over and filled with rows of shallow troughs, lined with gravel. Into these he places the ova of the trout, and over the spawn there constantly passes a fresh supply of water. In a few weeks the ova hatch, and thousands of minute trout appear. These are fed on boiled eggs reduced to fineness, lobbered milk, &c., and after a certain time removed to ponds in the open air, where they are fed and grow apace. As they increase in size they are removed to other ponds or reservoirs. Mr. GREEN has ponds for the infants, ponds for the yearlings, and ponds for those of larger growth and maturer years. In some of these ponds the "speckled beauties" are innumerable. Varying in weight from half a pound to two pounds, they dart through the water, disclose their variegated sides, and leap into the air in pursuit of food, in the very ecstacy of life. The older trout are fed on liver cut up fine. It is a rare spectacle to see the feeding. Cast a few handfuls on the quiet surface of the water. In a moment it is all alive with activity. The surface is lashed to a foam. The sparkling drops fly in every direction, as the eager fish struggle and contend for the food which is so gratefully received by them. It makes one envious to look into these ponds and see the thousands of trout so carefully watched and guarded. Whatever may be their future they are certain to be kept away from the table for some time at least. Mr. GREEN catches his trout in the open stream, and leaves these tenderly-reared fish unmolested and unharmed. Meantime his profits arise from the sale of young trout for stocking ponds. These he sells at $50 per thousand—rather a high price—and sends them safely in cans of his own devising to fill orders. The natural increase of trout is very great, and if the spawn and the young ran no peril from their numerous enemies, the waters would soon be thick with fish. A two-year old trout will yield from 200 to 400 spawn; a three-year old from 800 to 1,200, and a four-year old from 1,200 to 2,800. In the spawn-beds the immature fish are exposed to the ravages of other fish, to freshets, to the deposit of sand or sawdust, and a thousand other "natural ills." After the young fish are born, they are the prey of piscine foes, are killed out of season, are poisoned by the outcome of factories, and lead generally a very uncertain existence, so that not more than ten per cent. reach maturity. Under the artificial system of rearing, about 95 per cent. may be saved. Yet calamities follow these. Only a few days since a hail-storm heaped the shores of one of these little ponds with the cadavers of thousands of these small trout.

Mr. GREEN has visitors from all parts of the country, attracted by the fame of this most successful experiment in trout rearing. Among his latest visitors was one from a trout preserves in Oswego County and another from Kentucky. He is communicative and entirely willing to explain his own plan of operations and the difficulties and perils of his undertaking. At the same time, however much he may encourage others, he cannot conceal the singular adaptation of Caledonia Creek to the end he seeks to obtain. It is not easy to find a water-course combining so many advantages and one so entirely free from the great peril of freshets, which in an hour might destroy the labor of years and utterly wreck the nice adaptation of wiers, and sluices and ponds which perfect the details of the management of this business.

I have rarely spent a pleasanter day than at the "trout preserves" of SETH GREEN. The visitor comes away stored with new knowledge and let into some of the secrets of nature, concealed from those who pursue them with less pertinacious fidelity than characterizes the veteran sportsman, who is working out an experiment certain to be attended by profit.

There are scores of streams in the river countries where trout raising could be made profitable. The market here is always good; prices are high, and the demand is uniform. At half the present price of trout, hundreds of thousands of pounds could be sold in this city every year, to the great advantage of producer and consumer. A few thousand dollars of outlay, two years of watchfulness, and the crop is ready for market. The day is not far distant when Orange and Ulster and Rockland will find an immense source of revenue in a business which is fast passing out of the experimental stage, and rising to the rank of a regular business. D.

THE CATTLE PLAGUE.

The Natural History of the Rinderpest—Its Reappearance in Prussia and Ireland—Its Reported Appearance in United States Territory—Its True Character and Means of its Prevention.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Late reports from the Upper Missouri state that a destructive disease is raging among the horned cattle of the Plains. The rapidity of its progress is fatality—three days—marks it as rinderpest. The Russian territory in Asia, Europe and America is the home of the pest. Notwithstanding frequent mention in the TIMES of this malignant disease, and of its devastating spread, up to the present there has not appeared in this country any publication embodying a true account of its history and character; and those statements, intended to guard against its occurrence, which have been put forth here have evinced so complete a destitution of knowledge of its character that it has become an urgent duty for some writer to supply the defect. This demand is the more urgent seeing that a board of officers of a State Society have recently issued a bulletin which, 1st, identifies rinderpest and pluero-pneumonia. 2d. Tells us that the period of incubation of this "disease varies from fifty to sixty days," and advises that the "sick animal be immediately and rigidly separated from the rest," and 3d, "That the disease never occurs where the animal does not come in contact with other animals." How absolutely incorrect these several statements are, and how complete the destitution here of any correct knowledge of the rinderpest, will appear as we

known centre of infection. Dogs and sheep, which have been near infected cattle, have been known to carry the contagion to great distances; and even hens, which looked for grains in the excrement of the diseased cattle, have become the unsuspected media to carry the contagion to sound beasts.

The attendants on sick beasts carry the contagious virus on their clothes, hands, and even their hair, to healthy beasts, and the Veterinary Surgeon does not escape from being considered a dreadful vehicle of infection. Still waters and running streams which have received the drainage of infected sheds or pasture, become channels for propagating the contagion. The public road on which sick cattle have traveled become altogether infected for sound cattle.

The period of incubation of this subtle poison is from one to three days, but even in this stage an animal may communicate the disease. The pest of 1711, which destroyed nearly all the herds, as by fire, of Milan, Ferrara, the campagna of Rome and Naples, Sardinia and Piedmont, France and Switzerland, Germany and Holland, was communicated by a single infected Hungarian ox, belonging to the commissariat of the Austrian army. The disease appeared in the English metropolis in June, 1865, communicated by cattle either from Galicia or Hungary, both of which pest-infested countries send to the London market supplies of cattle.

This disease in its native or birth-place, kills 50 per cent. of the cattle it attacks. In Hungary it kills 65 per cent., and in England it killed upward of 90 per cent., or nearly every one it attacks; and in some instances in England, as in the dairy of Miss BURDETT COUTTS, the whole dairy was lost, spite of the most liberal and expensive treatment, with castor oil, port, porter, brandy and whisky.

Of all the animals in the farms and sheds in England in which the pest entered, 44 per cent. were attacked under the most strenuous efforts to prevent its spread, and under treatment 4 per cent. recovered. Treatment could neither therefore be relied on to save the sick, nor to prevent the infection of the well. The only means until recently found efficacious to stop the spread of the disease, was to slaughter and bury the sick beasts. This, the experience of centuries had shown to be the only preventative means. It is by this means that Prussia has, heretofore, during each period referred to, succeeded in preventing the infection from passing her borders; for, in a time of peace, she enforces police measures to destroy diseased cattle, and even dogs and birds, which might carry infection over the border. By slaughter she stamps out the pest with merciless rigor. We have to refer further on to certain disinfectants which are reported, however, to offer a substitute for this severe, but hitherto only efficacious means of prevention. But it has been by these measures, and these alone, that Prussia has regularly excluded the disease, is proved in the fact that in time of war, when the Prussian Government can no longer enforce this rule, the disease has again and again spread over her territory.

Seeing that it has been stated in the foregoing, that this disease always follows in the train of Russian and Austrian armies, we may naturally inquire, is the rinderpest the natural consequence of aggregations of cattle following in the rear of armies? or has it a common birth-place from which it spreads? To the first of these questions, the answer is, no.

The rinderpest has a birth place, and spreads from thence. The experience of a century tells us that it arises in the steppes of European Russia. Among the millions of cattle which annually feed in the Provinces of Russia, at the lower part of the Dnieper, rinderpest always exists, though not in so virulent a form. At least 200,000 head of these cattle are annually driven into Gallicia and Hungary, and every six or seven years the rinderpest ravages the herds of the latter countries.

It is undoubted that these steppe oxen can carry about on their hides the virus of the plague, until under condition of travel which depress their vital powers, the plague breaks out with virulence. Scientific men have kept this mater for three, six, and even eleven months, when it still possessed the power of communicating the disease by inoculation. It is not only possible, therefore, but most probable, that an animal might carry about the poison in a dry state on its skin, hoof and horns, and that this only reproduces itself under favorable conditions. The proof of this theory of the disease appears in what follows:

By the last arrival of scientific intelligence from England, we have very full accounts of a long-continued series of experiments with a great variety of substances, known as antiseptics or disinfectants, in the ocalities affected with the cattle plague. These were undertaken by Mr. Wm. CROSKO, the distinguished chemist, the discoverer of the metal Thallium. So complete have they been that they seem to leave nothing to be desired and scarcely anything to be searched for. Into the details of these we cannot now enter; but will merely say that they furnished repeated demonstrations that carbonic acid or cresylic acid diffused by sprinkling or otherwise, will both destroy the virus of the rinderpest and completely disinfect its haunts.

In this series of experiments the objects in view were, firstly, to apply the energetic disinfecting powers of sulphurous acid for the purpose of purifying the cattle sheds two or three times a week; and secondly, to trust to carbolic as a permanent means of protecting the animals from extraneous infection. These concur in this action whereas oxidizing disinfectants, used either with carbolic acid or with sulphurous acid are inoperative. "I have," says MR. CROOMS, "already shown that chlorine and ozone are very wasteful agents. As it is our chief aim to destroy the activity of cattle plague virus, even sulphurous acid is open to objection on the score of haste; but carbolic acid goes directly to the root of the evil, and acts solely where it is most required. It arrests and prevents decomposition; it checks the evolution of these offensive odors; it stops the development in the manure of the minute animal organisms, and its vapor is never injurious or unpleasant to cattle."

It may therefore be considered as definitely proved that the vapor of carbolic acid in the atmosphere exerts a special selective power on all minute organisms possessing life. If the contagious matter of cattle plague is possessed of organic vitality, as must be now admitted, it will be destroyed beyond the possibility of revival when brought into contact with the vapor.

Several experiments proved that the innoculating virus mixed with a trace of carbolic acid becomes incapable of transmitting the disease.

In conclusion, we wish most earnestly to impress upon the reader, particularly cattle-holders, that if there is anything beyond doubt—anything we absolutely now know—it is the contagious character of rinderpest; but these experiments have made "assurance doubly sure."

Trial of Agricultural Implements at Auburn.

Correspondence of the New-York Times:

AUBURN, N. Y., Wednesday, July 11, 1866.

Last evening, the judges, competitors, and manufacturers of implements, held a meeting at the Court-house, for the purpose of perfecting the arrangements for the trial of mowers to-day. The President, JOHN STANTON GOULD, occupied a few moments in explaining the new dynamometer, by which all the machines were to be tested. It is a complicated instrument secured to the tongue of the mower, or reaper; and the power of the team, when operating the machine, is applied to a piston that is driven into a cylinder, the chamber of which is filled with water. The piston is graduated so that a force of twenty-five pounds, applied at the end of the piston-rod, will drive it inward a given distance, and any additional power will force the rod into the cylinder further and further. The elasticity of the water forces the piston-rod out of the cylinder, as soon as the propelling power of the team is removed, or remitted. As the piston-rod moves inward and outward, it operates on a system of pawls and wheels, to which an index is attached, playing over a graduated dial-plate. At the end of the index is a pencil which records every movement with almost unerring precision. This dynamometer is a newly-invented instrument, and has been extensively and effectively tested, not only by horse-power, but by locomotives on the railroad.

After conferring and interchanging views with each other for an hour or more, the judges decided to assume one hundred points to be the maximum value of the machines, not only in regard to merit and demerit, but in cash value. Therefore, the machine that possesses the greatest number of excellent points will be considered the best machine. The following are some of the points which are to influence the judges in arriving at their decision with reference to the superiority of one machine over another.

The exact weight of each machine when ready for work.

The price of the machine at the shop of the maker.

If any extras are sold with the machine, they will say what they are.

If there is a difference in price when extras goes with them, they will state what is is.

The Committee of Description will

Give a general description of each machine.

They will describe minutely those portions of the machine which are peculiar to it, and which constitute its individuality.

They will point out any departures from established mechanical principles in its construction, giving their reasons in full.

2. The Committee on Mechanical Arrangements will ascertain and record

The number of horses required for each machine.

The number of men, and the capacity in which they are employed.

The kind of material used in the construction of each machine, and the opinion of its durability.

Examine the workmanship of each machine, and state the nature, locality and probable consequence of each defect.

The metals that are used for journal bearings.

Observe the machine after it has been used, and state what parts have been heated, and to what extent.

Examine them carefully after they have been used, to see if any part has been unduly rubbed or worn.

Observe the facilities for oiling each part of the machine, and for easiness of access to each bolt, screw and nut.

What arrangements are made for cutting stubble at different lengths.

In what manner are the gavels delivered, behind or at the side.

The relative portability and compactness of the machine.

The contrivances adopted for the security and comfort of the driver.

Ascertain the temper of each knife.

This Committee will adopt some scale of numbers, by which they may express the relative values of the machines on such of the above points as are relative in their scope.

4. The Committee on Quality of Work will

Assume the No. 40 to represent the best work that can be done. The No. 30 as representing the best work that can be done with a hand-scythe. The No. 20 is inferior to any work that would be tolerated by a respectable farmer. The gradation of work will be expressed by numbers intermediate to these.

The standard speed to which competitors are requested to conform is one acre per hour.

They will pay particular attention to the speed of the machine at the time of clogging. For this purpose they will be furnished with a speedometer, which, in connection with the time occupied, will enable them to ascertain the maximum and minimum speed at which each will operate usefully.

Observe the evenness of the cut, whether it is higher at one end than the other, and whether it is scalloped. This observation is to be made when the machine is moving at the standard speed of one acre per hour.

The condition of the grass when it is cut, whether it is evenly spread or in ridges. The machine which leaves the grass in the best condition for drying is the most perfect.

The length of stubble left by each machine. To accomplish this, numerous measurements should be made in at least ten different portions of each lot, average taken.

See if any spears of grass or grain have been drawn out by the roots. If so, state the proportion.

What is the appearance of the cut end of the machine stubble. Is it clean or torn off?

The closeness with which the machine cuts up to obstacles, such as stones, stumps and fences.

State the condition in which the machine leaves the gavels; whether in the best condition for the binder or not.

Is the grain beaten out by the action of the machine when moving at the standard speed?

The condition of the grass or grain with respect to wetness or dryness.

The Committee on Time will note

The exact time of starting each machine.

They will observe the time occupied by each stoppage, stating its cause, and specifying those which were occasioned by the faults of the machine, and those which were not connected with the machine.

N. B.—It will be distinctly understood that no credits will be given for quality of work done by hurrying the horses. It is the desire of the Society that the manufacturer should move the machine at the speed which he deems best adapted to show its merits.

The time of final stoppage of each machine.

In the dynamometer trials, they will note the exact length of time that the dynamometer is applied to the machine during the trial.

In these trials the machine will be set to cut the stubble three inches in length.

In the trials of minimum speed, they will note the exact time a machine is passing over a given space.

5. The Committee on Dimensions will make and record the following measurements:

The length of cut. This measurement will be in all cases the length of the actual cut, not the grass gathered by the divider.

The diameter and breadth of the driving wheel. If the wheel is not smooth, state the length and breadth of the projections, and their distance from each other.

The number of vibrations of the knife to each revolution of the driving wheel; also the length of each vibration.

The advance of the machine while making one vibration.

The length of the base of each tooth of the cutter, and the distance of the apex from the base.

The breadth and thickness of each end of the cutter bar. The material, whether of wood, steel or iron; also the same dimensions for the finger-bar. The weight of the knife and cutter bar will be noticed.

The distance between the fingers or guards; length of the vibrations and whether it is greater or less than the distance between the centre of the guard fingers.

Is the knife toothed edge or smooth?

The diameter of the reel, and the number of its revolutions in relation to the driving wheel.

The pitch of the guards.

The angle at which the cutter and guard finger meet in severing the crop.

The length of the Pitman rod, and its weight and material.

The width of the finger at the point where the face of the cutter section meets it, and at the point where the apex meets it.

The Dynamometer Committee will

Ascertain the total power required to operate each machine while cutting.

The power required to draw the machine over a smooth surface, with the knife in motion but not cutting.

The power required to draw the machine over a smooth surface, the knife being in repose.

Measure the side draft.

The dynamometer will be applied once across the field and back. The four machines consuming the least power on the first trial shall be tried again, and if the consumption of power remains relatively the same, the trial will be final. If otherwise, the trials will be repeated until the Committee satisfy themselves which really is the most economical of power.

When all these points have been accurately determined, the judges will then consider and decide: Which is the cheapest machine; the most simple in its construction; the most durable; which requires the least power; which has the least side draft; which does the most work in a given time, and which does the best work.

These last points will be determined by its capacity to perform a given amount of work, in a workmanlike manner, in a given time, in the most economical way.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE TRIAL.

After weighing every machine accurately, competitors and judges proceeded to the farm of W. S. LEACH, about five miles west of the City of Auburn, on the eastern slope of Cayuga Lake. The grass to be mowed was red clover, badly laid in every direction, and in most of the field there was a heavy growth of tall Fleabane, (*Erigeron Strigosum,*) sometimes called "small daisy." There were about twenty acres in the field when the trial commenced. The place assigned to each machine were carefully surveyed and staked off, there being one acre in each plot, which was about forty rods long and four rods wide.

At about 11 o'clock, Wednesday, four mowers were put in operation, which were the "Buckeye," the "Eureka," the "American Mower," and the "Kirby" or "Centaur Harvester." The "Buckeye" is a two-wheeled mower, with five drivers, having a jointed finger-bar, capable of being folded for transportation, and of cutting equally well when the team turns either to the right or left. The time for cutting a trifle over one acre was 46 minutes.

The "Eureka" is a two-wheeled mower, with two drive wheels six feet apart, and the cutter bar directly forward of the wheels, thus making a cut of six feet in width. This machine is capable of mowing around the field either to the right or to the left, or it will cut directly back and forth, beginning on one side of a field and finishing the plot without going around it. The horses travel about eight feet apart. One walks in the path made by the track cleaner, close to the standing grass, and the other travels in the uncut grass. The bar is capable of being folded for transportation. The time occupied in cutting one acre was 36 minutes, although the time consumed in fixing the machine and mowing was 54 minutes.

The "American Mower" is a two-wheeled machine, with two drivers, capable of cutting while the team is driven either to the right or left round the field. The time occupied in cutting one acre was 43 minutes.

The next machine was the "Kirby Mower," with one driver on a wheel and rigid finger-bar, capable of cutting only one way round the field. The time occupied in cutting one acre was 46 minutes.

At 2 o'clock P. M. four more machines were put in motion, two of the "Cayuga Chief," one of the "Combined Kirby," and one of the "Combined Buckeye." The "Cayuga Chief" is a two-wheeled and double-driver machine, with a "caster wheel" in the rear, having a hinged cutter-bar, and capable of cutting equally well when driven either to the right or left. The time occupied in cutting one acre was 57 minutes for one machine and 55 minutes for the other. The Kirby cut the acre in 49½ minutes. The Combined Buckeye cut the acre in 50 minutes. Thus far all the machines performed their assigned tasks with eminent satisfaction. In some places the clover lay so closely to the ground that it was utterly impracticable for any mower to cut it when mowing the same way that the stalks had fallen down. The weather being quite sultry, the grass was badly down, and but little effort was made to finish the acre in the shortest possible time.

The third set of mowers consisted of one "Columbian" Mower, one "Rhode Island Clipper," one "Yankee Mower," and one "Ohio Buckeye." The "Columbian" is a two-wheeled machine, with a flexible finger-bar, and capable of being folded for transportation. The "Rhode Island Clipper" is also a two-wheeled mower, with folding bar, and capable of cutting to the right or left with equal facility. The "Yankee" mower has two drive wheels and flexible finger-bar. The "Ohio Buckeye" has also two drive wheels and a hinged finger-bar. The grass was down badly, and one of the machines broke the track-board, yet they all finished the acre in less than one hour. The "Clipper," 45 minutes; "Columbian," 58 minutes; "Yankee Mower," 48 minutes, and "Ohio Buckeye," 58 minutes. All did their work extremely well, considering the condition of the grass.

ADJOURNMENT.

At 5 o'clock they all quit the field. The weather was delightfully pleasant, and another set of machines might have been tested to-day, as well as to protract the trial one day longer. The attendance is not large, and most people have got the impression that spectators will be rigidly excluded from the field, which is not so; and the officers of the Society have requested the reporters to correct this wrong impression through the daily Press. The field is open for visitors.

A Party of Osage Indians at St. Louis—They Receive the Hospitalities of the City and Dance a War Dance.

From the St. Louis Democrat, July 6.

Yesterday considerable ex citement was created in the streets by the appearance of a squad of Indians, with painted faces, and dressed in the wild, singular garb of the sons of the forest. They marched up Fourth-street with the slow, dignified gait and unmoved faces peculiar to the race, and, under the guidance of their interpreter, sought an interview with the Mayor, to whom the interpreter told the following story:

The party, eleven in number, belong to the Osage tribe. They left Neosho County, Kansas, some weeks ago, with the intention of visiting Washington. They had been white men with them as directors, and who took charge of the money collected while they gave exhibitions in the various towns through which they passed, and who engaged to conduct them to Washington and back again to Kansas. When they reached Carrollton, Ill., these white men deserted the party, probably finding that the investment did not pay, and they were left without money or guidance, and very wisely determined to return to their hunting-grounds and leave the abodes of the treacherous whites. They reached this city without money, and hence applied to the Mayor for assistance. Nor was their appeal in vain. Our kind-hearted Mayor, after having a conversation with the interpreter, brought them to an eating-house, and gave them a civilized dinner, and procured them transportation on the Pacific Railroad to Kansas City, for which place they leave by the early train to-day.

The names of these dusky sons of the sod are as follows: Frank Machel, interpreter. This is a yellowish-hued individual, who speaks tolerable English, and appears to possess a fair share of intelligence. Matunksha, Big Medicine. This gentleman is exceedingly solemn-looking, and appears always to be literally in a *brown* study. Then we have nine others with the following consonantal names: Jonecasar, Casoyeneka, Kapakalabe, Yenecakada, Kascance, Heleisa, Geshubunke, Yarkanokia, Oketeswonka. All these men were dressed in true Indian fashion, with red blankets slung carelessly around their shoulders, tufted hair, moccasins and leather leggings. Some of them carried tomahawks and bows, and altogether presented an appearance barbarous and uncouth enough to please the most fastidious. In the evening, acting on the suggestion of the Mayor, they gave an exhibition, consisting of their war dance and diabolical shrieks and contortions, opposite the Southern and the Planters' House, and a large crowd of spectators assembled to witness the weird and savage performance, which we have no time to describe particularly. At the close of each exhibition a collection was taken up, and the small sum realized was handed over into the hands of the dusky chieftain.

The Duel Between Gen. Jordan and Mr. Gallaway.

The Memphis papers publish the correspondence between Col. JORDAN and Mr. GALLAWAY, of the Memphis *Avalanche.* The following letters open the correspondence:

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 28, 1866.

SIR: When I wrote last Summer my paper on the causes which defeated the efforts of the Southern people to win their independence, I comprehended the fact that I incurred the risk of harsh criticism on the one side, and misapprehension of motives and aims on the other, but made a resolution to trust to time and the truth of what I should say, to justify me against all assailants, especially as I could not, single-handed, expect to call all to account.

Soon after I came here, much to my surprise, there appeared in the paper of which you are the editor an article understood to be from your pen, which assailed the writer of the article to which I refer above, but without mentioning my name, however. I looked upon that attack upon me as different from the others to which I had been previously subjected, inasmuch as the effect was directly calculated to injure me in my efforts, as an editor, to gain a living, and the means of supporting and educating my children, by reviving or nourishing in this immediate place injurious prejudice against me. It also had the aspect of a direct personal discourtesy to me in the beginning of my association with the Press of this city. It likewise seemed an exceptional case on your side, since you had yourself formed and published an editorial and business association in the starting of your paper, with Mr. POLLARD, of Virginia, who had written far more harshly of Mr. DAVIS than I had ever published. These circumstances made me address a note to you to the foregoing import at that time, and to ask for explanation touching what I regarded as injurious to me.

That note I showed to Col. MCMAHON, who urged me to withhold it until he could see you, and, as he expressed it, bring us "together." After several days delay, he finally informed me that you disclaimed all personally offensive allusions to me, and assured me that there would not be any further allusions in the *Avalanche* that could wound me in this connection. A week having meanwhile elapsed, I was led to think, with Col. MCMAHON, that it had become unnecessary to transmit my note. This morning I observed, however, in the course of an editorial in your journal the following words: "Remorse, deep, poignant and condemning, will burn like a coal of fire in the bosoms of those Southern men who assailed Mr. DAVIS while chained down in a dungeon when they read the story of his wrongs, &c., &c.

"The shrimped and shrivelled souls of all such will expand to the dimensions of a mustard seed when they read," &c., &c.

Now as I have been one of those who have felt authorized to express conscientious belief, but chiefly my knowledge, of the public acts of Mr. DAVIS—while in sympathizing with his personal misfortunes and ill-treatment, I feel it in place, respectfully, to inquire whether or not you designed by your language, above cited, to characterize me?

My friend, Col. DEARING, will receive any answer that you may have to make to this communication. Respectfully, your obedient servant,

(Signed,) THOMAS JORDAN.

To M. C. GALLAWAY, Editor Memphis *Avalanche,* &c., &c.

Delivered between 8 and 9 o'clock Thursday evening, June 28.

AVALANCHE OFFICE,
MEMPHIS, Thursday, June 28, 1866.

Gen. Thomas Jordan:

SIR: Your note of this date has just been received, and in reply, I have to say in the extract to which you have called my attention:

I alluded to those who have assailed Mr. DAVIS since his incarceration, and especially to you, as the avowed author of an article in *Harper's Magazine.*

This communication will be handed to you by my friend, Capt. W. H. RHEA. Respectfully,

(Signed) M. C. GALLAWAY.

Received shortly after 10 o'clock Thursday night.

MEMPHIS, Friday, June 29, 1866.

Col. M. C. Gallaway:

SIR: Your note of the 28th inst., received at 10 o'clock last evening, leaves me no alternative but to request you to designate some convenient place out of the State for the further discussion of the point at issue.

My friend, Col. DEARING, will receive your reply. Respectfully,

(Signed) THOMAS JORDAN.

Delivered between 12 and 1 o'clock noon on Friday, June 29, 1866.

Then followed letters naming Hernando, Miss., as the place of meeting, and finally, the matter having been submitted to arbitration, the following letter closed the affair:

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Thursday, July 5, 1866.

The undersigned, having been made acquainted with the correspondence between Gen. THOS. JORDAN and Col. M. C. GALLAWAY, which is now before us, and having fully understood and considered the causes given which the misunderstanding between those gentlemen arose, and feeling assured and satisfied that Gen. JORDAN claims no right to demand satisfaction from Col. GALLAWAY, for anything written or spoken within the bounds of legitimate criticism, as a public journalist, but for personal offence or the imputation of personal dishonor only; and hoping further assured and satisfied that Col. GALLAWAY, in the article in question, intended to exercise the privilege of lawful criticism only, upon the publications of the day, and did not intend to offer personal offence, or to impute personal dishonor to Gen. JORDAN, we have therefore come to the conclusion that the difficulty referred to the undersigned can and ought to be, and is hereby honorably adjusted, on the foregoing premises and explanations, in a manner which we deem alike honorable to both the parties concerned.

(Signed) LANDON C. HAYNES,
DAN. ABLE,
ED. W. RUCKER,
SAMUEL P. WALKER.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 5, 1866.

The above adjustment of the matter at issue between Gen. THOMAS JORDAN and Col. M. C. GALLAWAY is satisfactory. J. H. DEARING.
W. H. RHEA.

It is due to all parties concerned to state that in the interview between Col. GALLAWAY and myself, referred to in Gen. JORDAN'S first letter, Col. GALLAWAY was not informed of the note prep red by Gen. JORDAN, referred to in that letter. I acted in the interests of a good understanding between two gentlemen, between whom I desired to establish amicable relations; and whatever assurances were given were based upon the relations of personal friendship between Col. GALLAWAY and myself.

J. H. MCMAHON.

PROJECTED RAILROADS IN THE SOUTH.—It is proposed to construct a railroad connecting Memphis, Tenn., and Montgomery, Ala., passing through Columbus, Miss. Hon. W. J. SYKES, of Columbus, in a letter to Hon. JOHN D. FREELAN, of Montgomery, in favor of the project, says: This is an enterprise in which your City and State are deeply interested. From Memphis to Montgomery by this route it will not be more than three hundred or three hundred and fifty miles, the exact distance not known. The distance from Montgomery to Mobile is very little more than that from Montgomery to Nashville. At Memphis you are brought, by means of the Mississippi River, in communication with the great grain region of the North and Northwest. Your supplies can be brought as expeditiously and as cheaply over this road as by any other route. Memphis is destined to be the great city on the Mississippi River. The nearest route between Montgomery, Ala., and Memphis, Tenn., will either be Tuscaloosa or Selma. It is evident that Alabama must, in the new order of things, become a great manufacturing State, and Tuscaloosa, Selma and Montgomery must be the principal manufacturing cities in that State. They are all near the coal, the iron and the cotton, and when the various railroads are completed they will have every facility for manufacturing enjoyed by any cities. The railroads needed in your State immediately are the Northeast and Southwest road from Chattanooga to Meridian, the Decatur and Montgomery, the Montgomery and Selma, and a railroad either from Selma by Columbus, Miss., to Memphis, or a railroad from Lime Kiln Station on the Montgomery road to Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Columbus, Miss., to Memphis. To build these roads will require a very large amount of money. But the energies of the country will furnish that capital in a few years, and the enhanced value of the property, arising from the building of these roads and the consequent developments of the natural resources of the country will more than pay for the building of the roads. The road from Memphis to Montgomery will cost say ($10,000,000) ten millions dollars; this includes the road from Montgomery to Selma. Alabama possesses as many of the elements of wealth as any State. In the extreme Southern portion of the State there are the extensive piney woods, with splendid forests of timber and fine ranges for cattle. In the middle portion the rich canebrake and bottom lands for cotton, corn and other agricultural products, and north of a line drawn through Tuscaloosa, east and west, there are, in great abundance, coal and iron, and all other things necessary for manufacturing purposes. There is also fine land in the northern and northeastern part of the State. She may and probably will raise a less amount of cotton than formerly, but the enhanced price will compensate for the diminished production, and if it should be manufactured at home, the profits would be greatly increased, as before shown.

BURNING OF THE ODD FELLOWS' HALL AT NEW-ORLEANS.—Odd Fellows' Hall, New-Orleans, which was burnt on the evening of July 4, was one of the most beautiful and stately edifices in the city. It was completed in April, 1853, and, from its favorable location and excellent arrangements, was the favorite hall in the city for large assemblies. It cost, including the ground and furniture, $225,000, and was insured for $95,000. Several of the Lodges were partially insured for their furniture and regalia. Eighteen Lodges, four Encampments, Grand Encampments and Grand Lodges, I. O. O. F., had their regular meetings in his building; also, several Masonic Lodges, the Druids, and other large, well-known and flourishing societies. They all lost everything. Not a particle of furniture, and none of the valuable regalia were saved. The archives, embracing all records appertaining to the order from its organization in this city, an immense amount of historical information, were lost, and this is irretrievable. The fire seems to have originated in one of the smaller work-shops in the rear, and is supposed to have been set by an incendiary. One of its walls fell against GUMBEL'S Hotel, adjoining, and that too giving away, all fell into the court, a mass of dead brick and mortar together. The hotel was well drenched with water, and a large amount of property destroyed or injured.

THE BROOKLYN NAVY-YARD.

The Vessels at the Yard and their Condition—Monitors, Iron-clads, Steamships, Propellers, Sailing Vessels, &c. —A Serenade by Midshipmen, and What Came of It.

Notwithstanding the very great reduction made in the number of employees at the Navy-Yard during the past year, there is still a large amount of work done there. A visit to the yard, and an inspection of its various shops and mechanical contrivances, is full of interest, and calculated especially to make a pleasing impression upon strangers who are unfamiliar with matters pertaining to ship-building or the navy. Just at the present time, the yard presents a very pleasing appearance, the many beautiful trees being in full foliage, and the numerous grass-plats refreshing to look upon. Huge piles of shot and shell, of all sizes, corded up like so much wood, each one painted black, meet the eye at every turn, while conspicuously arranged, adjacent to the many graveled walks, are various large cannon captured from the rebels during the late war. Near the Commanding Officer's quarters is a huge 11-inch gun which was used on board of one of our ironclads during a severe engagement. Upon its side is a large indentation made by a shot from the rebel ram *Tennessee.* The shot which was so well aimed glanced from the side of the gun and took off the arm of one of our officers who was superintending it at the time, and killed or wounded several of our men. There are also trophies of the war of 1812, Spanish guns and French guns. All these are speedily to be removed to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and some of them are already loaded upon schooners for that purpose. The Navy-yard Museum possesses many novel and interesting specimens, and many large portraits of prominent naval officers of former days. In the various workshops there is much massive and elegant machinery, the uses whereof are a mystery to the uninitiated. A machine for testing the lubricating qualities of various oils is peculiar in its construction and operation. It is said to be the best and most satisfactory testing apparatus in the country, and manufacturers of good oil are always anxious to try it at the Navy-yard. Very few, however, can obtain permission to do so, as the machine has other business to do than puffing outsiders' oils. Under the rigorous discipline introduced into the Navy-yard by its present Commandant, Admiral BELL, great improvements have been made in the general appearance of the yard, and the many details pertaining to its successful and economical management. Formerly it was necessary, in order to get even the lowest position in the yard, for the applicant to possess a certain amount of political influence. Admiral BELL has changed this, and weeded out most thoroughly the various shops, retaining only the most trustworthy and skillful men, regardless of their political preferences. His course in this respect has made him somewhat unpopular with politicians, but the people will assuredly sustain him in enforcing retrenchment and needed reforms.

When the war terminated there were several war vessels in course of construction at the Navy-yard. Some of these are now being pushed forward to completion, while on others work has been suspended for the present. The largest of these and the one attracting the most attention among naval people, is the *Kalamazoo.* This vessel is still on the stocks, and workmen are busy upon her hull, and putting in portions of her machinery. She is described as a second-rate iron-clad of 3,200 tons burden, and is built upon the same plan as the *Miantonomah,* with the exception that she is just twice as large. It will be remembered that the *Miantonomah* visited Europe, and there attracted the attention of everybody for her superior style of construction, which the English said made her invulnerable. English critics and naval officers united in pronouncing her the most dangerous war vessel afloat. What will they say when they see one of twice her capacity? The *Kalamazoo* will carry four 15-inch guns, is built and will be submitted to no other, and is to be iron-clad. She will be propelled by twin screws, and it is thought that she will attain a greater rate of speed than any of our war vessels. She will be ready to launch in a short time, and could be ready for sea in three months did occasion require.

The *Java* is another second-rate, second rate, of 2,348 tons burden. She is now afloat, but not completed. She will carry thirteen guns of heavy calibre, and will be sheathed with iron.

The *Ontario* was commenced at a late period of the war, and is still on the ways. Much time and labor will be required to fit her for sea. Work upon her has been stopped, by order of the Department, and it is very uncertain when it will be resumed. She is a first-rate twin screw vessel of 3,177 tons, and intended to carry 21 guns.

The *Java* is of the same dimensions and style as the *Ontario,* but is calculated to carry 23 guns. Work is still being done upon her, but not with that expedition which a state of war would demand. She is still on the ways.

The *Quinnebaugh,* a third-rate screw vessel of 831 tons, was launched about four months ago, and is now receiving her machinery. She will carry 10 guns, and could be got ready for sea in about two months.

These are the only vessels in process of construction at the Navy-yard, but there are three others at this port being completed under the supervision of Admiral GREGORY, Superintendent of Construction. These vessels are

The *Ammonoosuc,* a first-rate screw vessel, 2,019 tons burden, carrying 15 guns. She was built at Boston, but now lies at the Morgan Iron Works, receiving her machinery.

The *Neshaminny* is the same as the *Ammonoosuc,* and is also receiving her machinery.

The *Madawaska* is of the same class and armament, her capacity being somewhat larger. She sailed upon her trial trip a few days since, and now lies off the Battery, still further testing her machinery. Thus far she has fulfilled the expectations of all.

The immense iron-clad ram *Dunderberg* lies at WEBB'S ship-yard, and it is expected that she will be ready to start upon her trial trip in about three weeks. A full description of this ram was published in the TIMES a short time since.

The following vessels are undergoing repairs at the Navy-yard:

The *Don,* a fourth-rate screw propeller, carrying eight guns, and of 390 tons, is in the dock, and has just had her bottom scraped, and is now being painted. Her officers and crew are all on board, anxiously awaiting sailing orders. The *Don* is an elegant little vessel, arranged with an eye to the comfort and convenience of those who live aboard of her. She was built by the notorious LAIRDS, of London, as a blockade-runner, and was captured off Norfolk, Va. It is expected that she will put to sea in the course of a few days.

The *Pensacola* has received her required repairs, and workmen are now applying her final coat of paint. She has received her sailing orders, and in a few days will proceed to San Francisco, where she joins the North Pacific Squadron as the flag-ship of Admiral THATCHER. The roving squadron commanded by Commodore RODGERS during the war has been ordered to the Pacific coast, and will hereafter be known as the North Pacific Squadron, and commanded by Admiral THATCHER. The flag-ship *Pensacola* will doubtless be found in the harbor of San Francisco most of the time after she reaches that coast.

The *Lackawanna,* a second-rate screw propeller, of 1,533 tons burden and carrying seven guns, after having undergone a thorough overhauling, sailed on Saturday for San Francisco, to join the North Pacific Squadron.

The *Oneida,* a third-rate propeller, 1,032 tons burden, and carrying nine guns, has also been put in complete order, and is nearly ready for sea.

The *Iroquois,* a third-rate screw, 1,016 tons burden, carrying nine guns, is in the hands of workmen, who are busy repairing her machinery. They have about two months' work before them.

The *Susquehanna* is a first-rate side-wheel steamer, of 2,450 tons, with a battery of fifteen guns. She is being put in condition for service, and will relieve the *Richmond,* now at Newport, as flagship of the North Atlantic squadron, the *Rhode Island* coming in for repairs. The *Susquehanna* is undergoing a thorough overhauling, her machinery and her hull being now in the custody of mechanics.

The following named vessels, having been "honorably mentioned out of the service," are now lying at the Navy-yard:

The *Algonquin,* a third-rate paddle-wheel steamer, carrying ten guns and being of 974 tons burden, is pronounced a failure, and a purchaser for her is desired by the Government. This vessel created a great deal of interest at the time of her completion in consequence of her famous "dock race" with the *Winnooski.* She was built by contractors who claimed that individuals could build better and cheaper war vessels than the Government could. There were some new and patented features introduced in her machinery, which were sought to be sold to the Government. When she was completed she was tested alongside the *Winooski,* a vessel of Government construction and about the same capacity—the latter giving the greatest satisfaction and obtaining the favorable report of the Committee. Subsequently they made a trial trip together, when the *Algonquin* was found to be sadly deficient in speed and other requisites. She is pronounced a complete failure as a war vessel.

The *Idaho* is a first-rate screw, of 2,688 tons burden, designed to carry eight guns. She was built by contractors, same as the *Algonquin,* and, like her, proved a failure. Both are laid up in ordinary, and could doubtless be purchased on reasonable terms. It is said that Government advanced large sums of money—a half million of dollars is mentioned—to the contractors, to enable them to complete their experiment.

The *Onondaga* is a third-rate iron-clad, with four guns, and 1,200 tons burden. The *Roanoke* is a first-rate iron-clad of the monitor species. The *Massasoit* is a third-rate side-wheel steamer, 974 tons burden, and ten guns. She is laid up in ordinary. The *Sebago* is of the same class, and in the same condition, as is also the *Iosco.* Two months' labor will be required to fit either one of these for sea. The *Penobscot* is a fourth-rate screw, of 507 tons burden, and four guns. She is laid up for the present. The *Hibiscus* and the *Spines* are fourth-rate screw propellers, of 500 tons burden, carrying 6 guns each. A month's labor will be required to prepare them for sea, but no work is being done on them. The *Calaipa* and *Mavia* are fourth-rate propellers, of about 200 tons, and are used as tug boats for duty in connection with the yard. The latter carries two guns and the former three. The *Memphis* is a third-rate screw, 3 guns, and 791 tons burden. She was built in Europe for the blockade-running business, but having fallen into the clutches of Uncle Sam, is now laid up in ordinary. The *Marigold* is a little fourth-rate propeller, carrying 2 guns, and of 115 tons. Her services being no longer required, she is for sale to whoever bids the sum required. The *James Adger* is a third-rate paddle-wheel vessel of 1,150 tons, carries eight guns, and is also for sale. So is the *Britonia,* a fourth-rate side-wheel steamer of 202 tons, and carrying two guns. The *Tioga* and *Octorara* are third-rate side-wheel steamers of about 800 tons, carrying ten guns each. They are laid up in ordinary until further orders. The *Tampero* is a fourth rate ship of 1,375 tons, and six guns. She is for sale. The *Massachusetts* and *Newbern* are fourth-rate propellers, of 1,150 and 950 tons burden, carrying seven and three guns. They are used at present as supply ships, and carry stores to the different squadrons on the home stations.

The *Gettysburg* is a fourth-rate paddle-wheel steamer of 726 tons burden, carrying nine guns. She has been thoroughly overhauled and repaired and is now ready for sea. The *Dumbarton* is a fourth-rate side-wheel steamer, 636 tons burden, and carries four guns. She is another of the captures made by our blockading squadron during the war, and having been recently overhauled is now ready for sea.

In addition to the above vessels there are the regular station ships at the Navy-yard. These are the *Vermont* and *North Carolina.* The *Vermont* is the receiving ship for recruits for the navy, and at the present time has on board 850 able-bodied men, ready to be transferred to vessels on duty. She has in all 700 persons on board. The *North Carolina,* formerly the receiving ship, has been converted into a storehouse for ordnance.

The *Winnepeck* is a third-rate paddle-wheel steamer of 1,030 tons burden and carries 10 guns. She has but recently arrived at the yard, and will remain but a short time. She has on board fifty midshipmen, who are as frolicsome and mischievous as midshipmen are noted for being. They visit the City quite frequently in small squads, and generally have a good time. Their amusements have thus far been of an innocent nature, and they have not given as much trouble to the officers of the station as they probably will when they get better acquainted. A few of them are musically inclined, and having failed to make the acquaintance of a charming young lady residing near the yard, on Friday evening eight of them sallied out, armed with guitars, banjos and other musical instruments for the purpose of serenading the object of their admiration. Arriving beneath her windows they commenced singing some painfully sentimental airs, and strumming their instruments. First one song, then another, till they had exhausted their limited stock of both and become exceedingly hoarse, without obtaining any recognition from the young lady. They were about taking their departure in disgust, and with many hard words, which savored strongly of the forecastle, when their movements were considerably accelerated by the appearance of an overgrown mastiff, whose ferocious bark and offens

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—July 14, 8165.

$10,000 U. S. 6s, '81...C.	103⅞	100 At. Mail S. Co.	113
4,000 U.S. 6s, 5-20s C. '62	106⅝	100 do.	b10 114
100,000 do.	106⅞	200 N. Y. Cent.	96⅝
50000 U.S.6s, 5-20s C. '65	105⅞	200 do. 3d call	860 98⅜
4,500 do.	106⅝	1000 Erie R.	74⅝
3,500 U. S. 5s, 10-40 C.	86⅝	60 do.	s60 74⅝
3,500 do.	86⅝	200 do.	s60 50
1,500 T. Notes, 7 3-10s First Ser.	103⅝	200 do. 3d call	74⅝
500 do. 3d Ser.	104	50 N.Y. & N. H.	219
500 do.	103⅝	100 Mil. & St. P.	68⅜
500 do. 3d Ser	103⅜	2000 Reading R.	109
5,000 N. Y. St. 6s, '72	97⅛	400 do.	103⅜
5,000 N. Y. St. 6s, '73	97⅛	500 do. 3d call	103⅜
10,000 N.Y.St.7s, Bounty Loan,	104⅜	200 do.	130
5,000 Virginia 6s	67	50 Mich. Cen. R.	106
25,000 Tenn. 6s, 5s, N.	71	200 Alton S. & N.	81⅝
2,000 N. Car. 6s, x-C.	82	400 do.	82
30,000 Missouri 6s	78⅜	400 do. 3d call	82¼
2,000 Mo. 6s, issued to Pacific R.	73¼	200 Cleve. & Pitts.	84⅞
2,000 Chi. & N. W.	35	1500 Chic. & N. W.	35
1,000 R. R. Y. & E. 1st M.	95	200 do.	b30 35⅛
1,000 C., Bur. & Q. 8s, 1st	107	200 do.	35⅛
6,000 Chi. & N.W. 1st M	89¼	500 do. 2d call	35⅛
5 Bk. of Commerce	110	200 do.	35
300 Fourth N. Bk.	104	200 do.	b15 35⅛
10 Con. N. Bank	108	500 Chic. & N. W. P.	63⅝
10 Bank of New-York	134	400 do.	63⅝
10 Corn Ex. Bk.	120	1000 do.	63⅝
100 Cum. Coal Pr.	46½	200 do.	b30 63⅝
100 do. 3d call	46	200 Cleve. & Tol.	110
200 Canton Co.	42	100 Chi. & R. I.	84⅛
200 Central Coal Co.	45	100 Del., Lack. & W.	150
200 West. U. Tel.	53	11 Mil. & P. du C.	81⅜
40 do.	53⅛	200 P., Ft. W. & C.	83
200 do.	53⅛	100 do.	98⅜
50 Ashburton Coal.	14	100 Alt. & T. H.	34

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

200 Cum. Coal	b10 46⅜	200 Cleve. & Pitts.	84¼
100 West. U. Tel.	53⅛	100 do.	84⅜
200 Erie R.	b3 74⅛	300 do.	84⅜
200 Chic. & N. W.	34⅜	200 do.	s3 64⅜
200 do.	34⅜	200 Chic. & N. W. P.	63⅝
200 do.	s3 34⅜	200 do.	b5 63⅜
100 do.	b30 34⅜	400 do.	s3 63⅜
200 do.	s10 34⅜	100 do.	63⅜
200 do.	34⅜	200 do.	s10 63⅜
200 do.	b10 34⅜	100 do.	b15 63⅜
200 do.	34⅜	300 do.	b3 63⅜
3,000 Mar. & C. 1st P.	83	100 P., Ft. W. & C.	s3 98⅜
100 do.	b10 44⅞	100 do.	b10 98⅜
100 do.	b3 44⅞		

OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

100 Quicksilver	51⅜	500 Cleve. & Pitts.	84⅞
100 do.	51⅜	1800 do.	85
100 do.	s10 85⅛	200 do.	85⅛
300 Mariposa Pr.	22½	200 do.	s30 85
100 West. U. Tel.	53⅜	1600 do.	85⅛
100 do.	53⅜	1600 do.	s3 85⅛
100 do.	b10 53⅜	400 do.	c 85⅛
100 New-York Cen.	93⅛	200 do.	s3 85⅛
100 do.	b30 100	400 Cleve. & T.	11⅜
100 do.	b10 97½	200 do.	b30 11⅜
200 do.	b3 97½	200 do.	b3 117⅛
2200 Erie R.	74⅜	2100 Chi. & N. W.	35⅛
300 do.	b30 74⅝	200 do.	s30 35⅛
500 do.	c 74⅝	200 do.	b30 35⅛
400 do.	s3 74⅝	300 do.	s3 35⅛
300 do.	b10 74⅝	1600 do.	b3 35⅜
100 do.	b3 74⅝	200 do.	c 35⅜
500 do.	74⅝	200 do.	b5 35⅜
500 Reading R.	x-d 110⅛	400 do.	35⅜
1500 do.	b3 110⅜	200 Chi. & N. W. P.	64
400 do.	b30 110⅜	1000 do.	64⅛
200 do.	110⅜	300 do.	s3 64⅛
700 do.	b3 110⅜	400 do.	b30 64⅛
100 Catawissa R.	79⅜	200 do.	s10 64⅛
500 M. Sc. & N. I.	83	900 do.	b3 64⅛
200 do.	s 83	300 P., Ft. W. & C.	98⅜
500 do.	b3 83⅛	100 do.	b10 98⅜
1400 do.	b3 83⅛	500 do.	98⅜
200 do.	s10 83⅛	100 do.	s15 98⅜
800 do.	83⅛	205 Mar. & C. 1st P.	44⅜
500 Chic. & R. Is.	101	100 do.	b30 44⅜
100 Ill. Cen. R.	122⅛	200 do.	s4 44⅜

SATURDAY, July 14—P. M.

There was less firmness in Gold, and a smaller export demand than on Friday. The sales ranged 152¼@152⅝ ₱ cent, The day's shipments were $1,447,030, making for the whole week $2,238,270. About half a million of the engagements made on Friday for the day's steamers was withdrawn. The disbursements from the Treasury during the week for Gold Interest on the Public Debt amount to $1,267,000. The receipts into the Treasury for Customs amount to $2,485,926.

There was a further rise on the United States 5-20s of 1865 to 105¼@105⅜ ₱ cent., with very large transactions on Wall-street at the outside figure. It is not a little remarkable that this, the only United States Stock which can be readily had in large sums, is the firmest on the list, although all other descriptions were in good request at very full rates.

The Railway movement in the afternoon was much excited, and 1@2 ₱ cent. higher than the quotations at the morning Board. The Northwest Stocks, both Common and Preferred, were in buoyant demand; the transactions in Reading very large, and the renewed demand for Erie is quite significant of another advance in the Stock. Sales of Northwest were made as high as 36; Reading 110⅜, and Erie 75⅜ ₱ cent.

At 3:30 P. M., the following general quotations were made, as compared with Friday night, the market closing firm on Governments and the Railways, steady on Gold, and rather weaker on Foreign Exchange:

	Fri.	Satur.		Fri.	Satur.
U. S. 10-40s	59	58⅞	N. West Pref.	63½	64
U. S. 5-20s	106⅞	106⅞	Rock Island	88½	90⅜
5-20 T. Notes	104	104	Fort Wayne	89½	90⅜
N. Y. Central	95¾	96⅜	Cumb'land Coal	46½	46⅞
Erie	74½	75	Quicksilver	51⅜	51⅜
Hudson	114⅛	114⅜	W. U. Telegraph	53	53½
Reading	108⅜	110⅜	Mariposa Pref.	23	23
Mich. Southern	81⅞	83	Canton	52½	51⅞
Illinois Central	122⅜	122⅝	Ohio Certificates	27⅜	27⅜
Pittsburgh	94⅞	95⅜	American Gold	152⅜	152⅝
Missouri 6s	79½	79⅜	Bills on London	109⅜	109⅜
Northwest	34⅜	36⅜			

The following bids were made for the City Bank Shares:

New-York	113	Bank of the Republic	113¾
Merchants'	109	Hanover	108
Mechanics'	115	Metropolitan	118½
America	130	Corn Exchange	118
City	190	St. Nicholas	105
Union	140	Imp'rs & Traders'	110
Merchants' Exch'ge	111	Park	140
Seventh Ward	107⅛	Central National	107
State of New York	106⅛	First National	210
Commerce	109	Fourth National	108
Ocean	98	Ninth National	110
American Exchange	113¾	Oriental	125

And the following for the Railway mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1883	93	Chi. & N. W. 1st M.	86
N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1867	97	Cons. 7 s. conv.	78
N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. Est.	87½	Lack. & West'n Bds.	98
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Sub'n.	88	Del. L. & W. 1st M.	100
N. Y. Cen. 7s, 1876	103¾	Del. L. & W. 2d M.	102
N. Y. Cent'l Scrip, 1876	103	Del. & Hud. 1st M.	88
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '65-'76	104	Tol. & Wab. 1st M.	89
Erie 1st mort., 1876	101	Tol. & Wab. 2d M.	75½
Erie 7s, 2d mort., 1877	100	Tol. & Chic. 2d M.	95
Erie 7s, 2d mort., 1879	100	Chi. & R. I. 1st mort.	99
Erie 7s, 3d mort., 1883	90¾	Cleve. & Tol. S. Fund.	100
Erie 7s, 4th mort., 1880	92	N. J. Central 1st M.	105¾
Buff. N. W. & E. 7s, 1877	95	Buffalo & Erie 1st M.	110⅞
Hud. R. 7s, 1st M.	1869	Pitts., Ft. W. & Ch. 3d M.	86
Hud. R. 7s, 2d M.	s.f. 88	Cleve. & P. 2d M.	92
Hud. R. 7s, 3d M.	s.f.	Cleve. & P. 3d M.	90
Harlem 7s, 2d M.	62-72	Cleve. & P. 4th mort.	76
Mich. C. & C. 8s, '69	72	Miss. & Mo. L. G. 1st M.	69
Ch. B. & Q. 8 p. c. 1st M.	106½	Chic. & Alton, S. F.	96¾
Mich. So. 7 p. c. 2d M.	93	Chic. & Alt. 1st Mort.	97
N. Ind. Goshen L.,	1868	Chi. & Alt. Income.	88
Mich. S. & N. I. S. F. 7 s.	95¾	Pennsula R. R. bonds.	75
Fac. R. Fargnart'd by Mo 7s		Mil. & St. Paul 1st	87
Ill. Cen. 7 p. c.	1875	Mil. & St. Paul 2d M.	82
Alton & T. H. 1st M.	90	Marietta & Cin. 1st M.	79¼
Chi. & N. W. S. F.	96¾	N. Y. & N. Haven 6s.	90

The Davenport (Iowa) *Gazette* reports as follows of the foreclosure of the Mississippi and Missouri Road. The purchaser, Mr. EBENEZER COOK, represented the Chicago and Rock Island Company:

The foreclosure of the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad mortgages, as decreed by the United States Supreme Court, was completed yesterday under the superintendence of THOMAS F. WITHEROW, Master in Chancery. The sale took place at 10 o'clock, at the Court-house, and was largely attended, there being an attendance of at least a hundred persons. The road was sold in divisions. The First Division, consisting of the road between Davenport and Iowa City, and Wilton Junction and Muscatine, together with all the rolling stock, shops, &c., started the sale. The first bid was $800,000, by Mr. E. COOK, who represented the Chicago and Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company, Mr. JOHN ELLIOT, of New-York, bid $900,000, Mr. COOK then bid $1,000,000, at which figure it was struck off.

The Oskaloosa Division, from Muscatine West, was next offered, for which Mr. COOK bid $300,000, and got it.

The next offered was the lands granted to the M. & M. R. R. by the United States, and estimated at about 475,000 acres, and was knocked off to Mr. COOK for $200,000.

The last offered was the Western Division of the road, from Iowa City West. This sold for $600,000, Mr. COOK's bid. Making the whole purchase money $2,100,000. The only competition beside that noticed for the First Division, was upon one quarter section of the land, which was started at $1 per acre by a gentleman from Polk County, and it was run up to $3 per acre, and struck off to Mr. COOK.

Attention is requested to the dividend announcements of the Lamar and the Rutgers Fire Insurance Companies.

THE SICKNESS ON THE FRIGATE CHATTANOOGA.—The *Chattanooga* returned from her trial trip on the 28th ult., and anchored off the south pier at the Navy-yard, where she has been since lying. She had no sickness on board up to Sunday last, a period of ten days, except such as is usual among the crews of vessels. One of the seamen was then seized with a sickness resembling Asiatic cholera, there being some of the peculiarities of that disease; but the surgeon of the vessel regarded it as a violent type of cholera morbus. The man suffered in great agony, and died in a few hours. Another of the crew was soon after taken in a similar manner, and he died also, and then a third was attacked with fatal result, the last dying yesterday afternoon. Before the death of the third man, five others were seized in a similar manner, and it was believed yesterday afternoon that two of them would not live through last night. The surgeon of the vessel is inclined to attribute the sickness to new potatoes, and he ordered all the potatoes to be removed from the frigate yesterday. The officers and crew of the *Chattanooga* now number 200, though the full complement of men will reach about twice that. She is in as clean a condition as possible, and every precaution has been taken to prevent the spread of the disease, if it should prove to result from local causes. The men who died were two white and one colored; two of them seamen and one first-class fireman.—*Philadelphia Ledger, July 12.*

LAW REPORTS.

The Board of Health and the Washington Market Stands—Important Opinion of Justice Ingraham, of the Supreme Court.

The following is the opinion of Mr. Justice INGRAHAM, delivered on denying the motion made to dissolve the injunction which was obtained by the plaintiffs to prevent the Board of Health from removing the stands, stalls, &c., in and around Washington Market:

John T. Hoffman and others, Commissioners of Sinking Fund vs. Jackson S. Schultz and others, constituting the Metropolitan Board of Health.

INGRAHAM, J.—An injunction was granted in this case restraining the defendants from removing, tearing down, or in any way interfering with the stands or stalls attached and forming a part of Washington Market. The defendants move to dissolve the injunction. Several questions were discussed before me on the argument, which I propose to notice so far as I consider them applicable to the decision of the motion.

As to the rights of the plaintiffs to maintain this action, although it would, perhaps, have been better if the corporate authorities who own the fee of the market, and who, by law, were authorized to establish it, had been joined with the plaintiffs, I am of opinion that they have a sufficient interest, as Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to maintain this action. They are, by virtue of the statute, authorized to collect and apply to the payment of the City debt the proceeds of rents, &c., from the public markets, and as such trustees, they have a right, and it is their duty, to protect the property from destruction from which such rents accrue, and to see that they are properly applied to the payment of the public debt. The ordinance of the Common Council places all the revenues from the public markets in their charge, and by a subsequent statute that ordinance was recognized, and no alteration therein could be made without the assent of the Legislature. For these reasons I think the plaintiffs have a sufficient interest in and title to the revenues from this market to warrant them in bringing this action.

The question then arises whether the defendants, under the statutes giving them existence as the Board of Health, and the amendatory act, have any authority to order the market, or any part of it, to be removed.

The statute under which this Board was organized was evidently intended solely for the purpose of preserving and promoting the public health—such is plainly shown by its title, and such are all the provisions contained in the Act, chapter 74, of 1866. The twelfth section expressly declares their powers to be for the greater protection and security of health and life in the Metropolitan District, and the powers are to be exercised for the greater protection and security of health and life in said district, &c.; and by that section the powers so conferred were to be construed to include the removal of any obstruction, matter or thing in the public streets, sidewalks, or places which should be in their opinion liable to lead to results detrimental to the public, or dangerous to life or health, the prevention of accidents by which life or health may be endangered, and generally the abating of all nuisances. There can be no doubt in reasoning on the principle that the powers conferred by these acts were all intended as powers necessary to the preservation of the public health and of life; and that this was the object for which the statutes were passed. If so, then in ascertaining what powers were conferred we must be governed solely by the inquiry whether they relate to the object which the legislature had in view in passing the laws, and if so the authority to remove obstructions or other matters in the public streets, sidewalks, or other public places, is only to be considered as granted with a view to carrying into effect the general purposes of the acts under consideration. It was not pretended on the argument that this action of the Board of Health in removing any portion of the market was necessary for the preservation of the public health or the protection of life; but, as I understand the counsel, the objection to the stalls sought to be removed was upon the suggestion that such stalls were an obstruction upon a public street, and a nuisance in the opinion of the Board of Health detrimental to life. Such, too, is the allegation in the answer in setting out the entry in its records on this subject; but what that entry was is not particularly stated in the answer, except as the general conclusion. If it was intended to rely on the fact of the stalls being injurious or dangerous to life or health, the records for such a conclusion should be stated, so that it might appear that the Board had before them evidence upon which such a decision could be formed. There is a report from the officers of the Board stating that in their opinion the stalls impeded ventilation.

I shall, however, consider the powers of the Board, as exercised in this matter, upon the ground stated, that the stalls were either an obstruction upon the public street or a nuisance. I have no doubt of that in my judgment the act is to be construed as applicable only to such obstructions as were dangerous to life or health, and, if not of that character, that it did not apply. That it would be a nuisance, if it was an unlawful obstruction of the public street must be conceded, and when that is the case it does not need the power of a Board of Health to remove it. Any citizen has a right to abate a public nuisance in a street if he does it in a proper manner, but it must be a nuisance which the law holds to be such, and not one merely declared so by any Board or individual. It must be a nuisance as adjudged to be such by law. It may well be doubted whether the Legislature can delegate to any body of men the power to declare what is or what is not a nuisance. Such power would be equal to a power to declare what should be a criminal act, because it is a crime to maintain a public nuisance; and if the Legislature can delegate to individuals the power to define a nuisance, they delegate to them also the power to make such acts criminal, which are not so by law. Such a power cannot be delegated to others by the Legislature. They may authorize Boards of Health to pass ordinances necessary for the objects of their creation, but they cannot delegate to them the power to define what shall be a nuisance, or make acts criminal, which the law holds to be innocent. The ground which was used for holding these stalls to be a nuisance, was that they were obstructions in the public streets. Whether they are unlawful obstructions is not by any means free from doubt. The power to keep markets in the City was given by the Dongan Charter, and afterward in the charter of 1730, the power of the Common Council to establish markets was more fully granted, so as to authorize markets to be held in the public streets, which were named as they then existed, and with authority to have, hold and keep such and so many other markets at such places in the City as shall from time to time be ordered, established, erected and appointed by the Common Council. Under this authority the Corporation frequently erected markets in public streets. It is not beyond the memory of many of the inhabitants to call to mind the markets in Maiden-lane, near Broadway, and from Water to South streets; in Old-slip, in Wall-street, and in the street near where the present Washington Market is erected. These markets were not, as far as I can ascertain, erected under any other authority than that contained in the charter of the City. I am not prepared, at the present stage, to say that an extension of one of these markets over the sidewalk is such an obstruction of the public street that may, on account of its illegality, be declared a public nuisance. On the contrary, until otherwise judicially determined, I should be inclined to hold such extension of the market to be within the chartered powers of the Corporation, or at least, that before the Board of Health could declare it to be a nuisance for that cause, they should obtain a judicial determination that the facts exist which make it such nuisance. The power is given by the Legislature to regulate and control the public markets, but that power is limited, viz: "So far as relates to the cleanliness, ventilation and drainage thereof, and to the prevention of the sale or offering for sale of improper articles therein." This limitation of their power over the markets excludes all other right to intertere with them, unless some other authority can be found for it. I do not consider it to be either an unlawful obstruction upon the street or a nuisance as such is defined to be by law, and I can see no authority by which the defendants, under the powers vested in them, can order them to be removed for this cause. I consider the powers of a Board of Health to be very extensive and in some respects without control, but these powers are only in connection with the subject matter for which such Board is called into existence, but when they go beyond such authority, and attempt to control and regulate matters solely for the preservation of the public health, they attempt the exercise of power not vested in them, and do acts which the Courts should restrain. It was urged before me, that even if the Board of Health were in error, and should do an injury to the city property in which they exceeded their powers, that there was a remedy by action in the recovery of damages, and therefore an injunction was not a proper remedy. Such a rule may be proper as to individuals, but is not, I think, applicable to a case where the parties both represent the public, and where the loss must fall upon the public, whoever succeeds. It is no rule to apply such a rule to a case where the loss in any event must be paid out of the treasury, for the purpose of allowing different public bodies invested with powers for the government of the city to engage in a contest between themselves and to exert their powers against each other. Instead of such a course it would be much more to the interest of the Public Treasury, and far more consistent with a proper discharge of public duties if these different bodies should harmoniously endeavor to promote the public welfare in accordance with the provisions of law, rather than to waste the public property by its unnecessary destruction by costly litigation.

The motion to dissolve the injunction is denied.

W. T. Allen and A. R. Lawrence, Jr., for plaintiffs; C. Tracy, A. J. Vanderpoel and G. Bliss for defendants.

Business in the Surrogate's Court—Wills Admitted.

SURROGATE'S COURT.
Before Surrogate Tucker.

The wills of the following-named persons have been admitted during the past week: JOHN G. Winter, Henry Rogers, Richard Daly, Archibald C. Morrogh, Isaac B. Batcheler, Mary E. Chapeau, Anton C. J. Heerlin, Thomas Wilson, John A. Van Voorhies, Samuel G. Smith, Sarah A. Eliet, George Bruce. None of the foregoing contain bequests of any interest to the public.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED.

Letters of administration on the estates of the following named persons were granted by Surrogate Tucker, for the week ending July 14, 1866:

Elizabeth B. Schultz, Matthew Bonner, John D. Ackerman, Mary A. Parsent, Jacob Helme, Auguste Fontaine, Sarah Campbell, Frederick King, John Bickel, John Maning, Wm. P. Powers, Michael Daley, Joseph Peter, Margaret L. Currick, James Cunningham, John W. Mason, Charles Young, Anthony Reich, Anton C. J. Heerlein, John G. Volk, Bridget Phelan, Owen Mulhere, Jacob Schlegel, Sebastian Merkel, Edward Rinn, Thomas Walden.

LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP GRANTED.

Ann Reilly, guardian for Ann Reilly, and Margaret Reilly; Mary E. Benson for Elizabeth Benson; John Zeitler for Franciscka Miller; Elizabeth Manning for Anna E. Manning and Andrew L. Manning; F. N. Otis for Oram G. Otis; George K. Otis for Charles O. Otis; Christian Loy for Christian Loy; J. B. Skeidmore for Lucy A. H. Skeidmore.

Decisions.

SUPERIOR COURT—GENERAL TERM—JULY 14.
Before Barbour, Monell, and Garvin, J. J.

Amor Woodruff vs. Patrick Dickie. Order affirmed. Opinion by Monell, J., Barbour J. dissenting. Jeremiah S. Lane vs. David B. Salter and another. Both judgments affirmed. Opinion by Robertson, Chief Justice.

DOMESTIC MISCELLANY.

The Columbus (Ga.) *Sun*, noticing a patent said to have been taken out in the North for the manufacture of felt made of cow hair, says:

"In addition to the use of cow hair by the factories of the South in the production of cloth for Winter wear, it was extensively used throughout the Confederacy during the war, on hand wheels and hand looms, as a substitute for wool in the production of Winter clothing for negroes. The use of the article by the hand-wheel and hand-loom class was original with them, except that they had heard such a use was made of cow hair at the North. By experiment, the production of cloth from cow hair had been brought to great perfect on before the Confederacy collapsed. The perfection was reached by a process of mixing in the ginning of the cotton, running the hair and cotton through the gin at the same time; a process which made the two appear almost one fabric. We doubt whether this process of mixing had ever occurred to the Yankee patentee, who possibly never saw cotton in an unginned state."

ARREST OF ANTI-RENTERS.—Deputy Sheriffs LEONARD WITBECK and GEORGE SUTHELAND, with Col. CHURCH, who went from Albany to the Town of KNOX on Tuesday to serve some civil processes in suits growing out of the non-payment of rent under manor leases, were met upon the road by a large collection of men, who sought to embarrass them by hooting, obstructing the highway, &c. The posse of officers seized a favorable opportunity to arrest three of the principal offenders, Messrs. GALLUP, QUAY and PITCHER, and at once beat a retreat to the city with the prisoners in custody. Several of the neighbors and friends of the parties arrested followed on to the city, but no attempt was made to rescue them or disturb the officers.

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The *Cape Ann Advertiser* states that during the past six months 51 new vessels have been added to the new fishing fleet of Gloucester, Mass., at an average cost of about $10,600 each, making the total amount $450,500; the price paid for second-hand schooners brought into the district increases this amount to about half a million dollars that have thus far been invested in the vessel property in that town the present year. Several other vessels are building or have been contracted for, which will swell the number to upward of fifty sail—the largest number ever built in one season for that place.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati *Gazette*, writing from San Francisco, states that for a few years past the population of California has not increased at all, still San Francisco has gained by absorbing to some measure the population of other places. For this reason he warns young men anxious for a rapid rise and distinction in the professions not to go to that State. The professions are overstocked already, and the number of school teachers in California is fully equal to the demand.

Rev. WM. D. SIEGFRIED, of Beverly, Pennsylvania, has been arrested in Philadelphia, charged with refusing to return $2,000 which he had persuaded a woman to intrust to him. The woman says she met him in Pittsburgh about two months ago, and that he induced her to accompany him to Philadelphia, where he procured her a boarding-house, and visited her under the name of Jones, pretending to be her cousin. She is the only witness in the case.

The tobacco factory of Mr. JOHN JAYCOX, at Glenham, N. J., was burnt on Wednesday morning. A new stock of tobacco had just been got in. The loss in stock was about $3,000. The factory, outbuildings, and a small dwelling-house, also belonging to Mr. JAYCOX, were burned to the ground. The total loss is probably about $9,000, on which there is an insurance of $8,000. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

The white people of Charlotte, N. C., made no demonstrations in honor of the 4th of July. The negroes, however, were out with banners flying and drums beating. One negro, who took the stand, said that "if the negro wished to advance himself in the scale of being he must go to work, and work earnestly and faithfully, and that idlers and loungers on about the corners of the streets should be made to follow some honest employment."

The Indianapolis (Ind.) *Journal* of the 7th, says: "Notwithstanding the injunction by the United States District Court, obtained at the instance of Mr. MOWRY, of New-York, we are informed that an arrangement has been entered into between the Indianapolis and Cincinnati, and the Lafayette and Indianapolis Railroads, that virtually amounts to a consolidation of the two roads. The change was made last Saturday."

The Danville (C. E.) *Courier* indulged in the use of severe terms because a cannon was discharged in that town several times on the evening of July 4, and late on the night of the 6th its office was entered and the forms mutilated on the press. The loss was at once made up by subscription among the citizens, who are represented to have been generally indignant at the outrage.

The Baltimore *American* states that an election has just been held for officers of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, at which the former President and Superintendent, appointed by Gov. HOLDEN, were defeated, on the ground that they were Union men. Those who have lately passed through North Carolina report that the spirit of proscription is rapidly becoming more intense against Northern men.

The steamer *Mollie Able*, Capt. CARSON, from St. Louis, took down to New-Orleans, a week or two since, over fourteen hundred sacks of corn, to be forwarded to Alabama for the destitute poor of that State. The Company's steamer conveyed the corn without charge, and the draymen on the levee delivered it at the Pontchartrain Railroad depot free of all costs.

On Tuesday night JOHN LAWLER, Superintendent of the car-shops at Steubenville, Ohio, made two attempts to drown himself in the Ohio River, at that place, but in each case was prevented by the vigilance of his friends. He bears a high reputation for probity and honor, but on Thursday became intoxicated, and, touched with remorse, he wished to end his existence.

The photographic-material establishment of Mr. GEORGE MARLIN, in Montreal, was damaged by fire to the amount of $10,000, including materials, on Tuesday. A workman was handling a bottle of ether in the laboratory, when the fluid escaped, and coming in contact with a lighted candle caused an explosion. The place was immediately on fire, and successive explosions from gun cotton, &c., followed.

A room has been fitted up in the Ohio State Capitol for the preservation of regimental flags used in the late war. The flags are arranged in perpendicular positions, in rows in the room and around the walls, each labeled with the name of the organization to which it belonged. There are now deposited there three hundred and thirty of these flags, arranged according to their numbers. The list is nearly complete.

A New-Orleans special dispatch of the 11th states that agents from some of the large manufacturers of England have made their appearance there, and in other parts of the South, for the purpose of looking into the prospects for the next crop of cotton, what dependence can be placed upon the freedmen as laborers, the position of the planters, &c.

The Mobile (Ala.) *Times* has a lengthy editorial, in which it dwells with great emphasis upon the misfortunes of the inhabitants of the northern counties, urges generous contributions on the part of the citizens of Mobile, and closes by promising for this object one-half the receipts of sale of one of its Sunday editions.

The literary societies of the University of Virginia have resolved to erect a monument over the Confederate soldiers who are buried in the immediate vicinity of the College Grounds. To meet the necessary expenses, the societies have determined to appropriate each year their surplus funds, and appeal to the people of Virginia to help them.

The emigrant travel of the Pennsylvania Railroad during the past six months has been unusually large, the number of passengers being 16,481, against 10, 385 of this class for the corresponding period in 1865. A large majority are Germans, including many young men who have come hither to "escape the draft." They are mostly bound for the far West.

The new and beautiful yacht *Alice*, of 31 34-100ths tons, under the command of Capt. ARTHUR H. CLARK, cleared at Boston on Monday, for the Isle of Wight. She will take as passengers Messrs. CHARLES A. LONGFELLOW and HARRY STANFIELD. It is probable that she will enter some of the grand regattas before she returns.

The Mechanics' and Agricultural Fair Association of Louisiana has recently been organized, to promote improvements in the various departments of agriculture, and aid in the development of the mechanic arts. It will hold its first fair at New-Orleans, Nov. 20. Premiums to the value of $20,000 will be awarded.

A New-Orleans paper says: "A Southern man has too much respect for himself to put up his boot to have it shined upon the street. If the Mayor wants to do a good turn, let him order these ragamuffins off the old chapel now standing. At the approaching Commencement the Committee will report, and the necessary funds will probably be raised. The Committee, as appointed, consisted of Prof. E. E. SALISBURY, Hon. H. C. DEMING, Hon. A. D. WHITE, Prof. B. SILLIMAN, and Prof. D. C. GILMAN.

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OPENING OF STEAM COMMUNICATION BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND AUSTRALASIA VIA PANAMA.

The service of the above Company will be commenced from Panama to Wellington, New-Zealand, on the 24th June, by the steamship KAKAIA, followed by the KAIKOURA on the 24th July.

Passengers and goods will be forwarded from Wellington to Auckland, Otago, Nelson, Canterbury, Sydney, Melbourne, and other parts of New-Zealand and Australia, by the Company's Inter-Colonial steamers.

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The opening voyages of the Company's ships in conjunction with those of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company will be as follows:

OUTWARD.

From New-York, June 11.
From Panama, June 24.
From Wellington, N. Z., July 21.
Arriving at Sydney, July 28.

TIME.

From New-York to Wellington, 40 days.
From Panama to Wellington, 28 days.
To Sydney or Melbourne, 8 days additional.

HOMEWARD.

From Sydney, 31st May or June 1.
From Wellington, N. Z., June 8.
From Colon, (Aspinwall,) July 12.
Arriving at New-York, July 26.

TIME.

Wellington to New-York, 42 days.
Wellington to Panama, 26 days.
From Sydney or Melbourne, 8 days additional.

The service will be continued monthly in unison with the foregoing dates.

Particulars of fares and freight on application to Pacific Mail Steamship Company, Office No. 58 Wall-st., New-York. WM. G. SEALY, Agent.

PANAMA, May 23, 1866.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid new vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:

PEREIRE.....DUCHESNE....SATURDAY, July 28
VILLENEUVE PARIS.SURMONT.....SATURDAY, Aug. 11
EUROPE.....LAMARE.....SATURDAY, Aug. 25
NAPOLEON III...BOCANDE...SATURDAY, Sept. 8

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.

First cabin, $135; second cabin, $80, including table wine in either class.

The steamers of this line do not carry steerage passengers.

Passengers intending to land at Brest will be furnished here with railroad coupon tickets, and their baggage checked to Paris, at an additional charge of $5 for first and $3 for second class.

Medical attendance free of charge.

ST. LO STEAMERS, alternating with the mail line, and at lower rates, are appointed to sail for Havre direct.

VERA CRUZ..Capt. BELIARD.....Saturday, Aug. 4
TARN.....Capt. GILBERT-PIERRE.Saturday, Aug. 18
FLORIDE.....Capt. .....Saturday, Sept. 15

RATES OF PASSAGE, IN GOLD.

Chief cabin, including wine.....$80
Steerage, with superior fare.....40

For further information, apply to
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(Limited.)

NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL,
Calling at Queenstown to land passengers.

Ships.	Tons	Commanders
ENGLAND	3,450	Grace.
SCOTLAND	3,398	Hall.
IRELAND	3,350	Perkins.
HELVETIA	3,315	Ogilvie.
THE QUEEN	3,517	Grozan.
ERIN	3,340	Cutting.
PENNSYLVANIA	2,372	Thompson
LOUISIANA	2,186	Thomson
DENMARK	3,117	Thomson
FRANCE	3,200	(Building)

Leaving Pier No. 47, North River, as follows:

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ENGLAND.....SATURDAY, July 28
LOUISIANA.....SATURDAY, Aug. 4
ERIN.....SATURDAY, Aug. 11

AND EVERY SATURDAY THEREAFTER.

The size of these steamships affords very spacious state-rooms, all opening directly into the saloon; the accommodations and fare are unsurpassed, and the rates lower than by any other line.

An experienced Surgeon on each ship free of charge.

Steerage passage tickets to bring parties from Liverpool or Queenstown, for $35 currency

Drafts for any amount issued on any Bank in Great Britain and Ireland at the lowest rates.

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F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL.—CALLING AT Queenstown.—The Inman Line, sailing semi-weekly, carrying the United States Mails.

CITY OF CORK.....WEDNESDAY....July 18
EDINBURGH.....SATURDAY....July 21
KANGAROO.....WEDNESDAY....July 25
CITY OF PARIS.....SATURDAY.....July 28
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....SATURDAY.....Aug. 4

and each succeeding SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, at noon, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE,

BY THE MAIL STEAMERS SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.

First Cabin.....$90 Steerage.....$30
First Cabin to London.....95 Steerage to London.....34
First Cabin to Paris.....105 Steerage to Paris.....40

PASSAGE IN GOLD.

Passage by the Wednesday's steamers: First cabin, $100; steerage, $35. Payable in United States currency.

Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.

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ALAUNIA, C. HOPER, Commander, 3,000 tons, 1,600 horse power.....19th July,
BALTIC, A. G. JONES, Commander, 3,000 tons, 1,600 horse power.....2d August.
WESTERN METROPOLIS, H. SANDERS, Commander, 2,600 tons, 1,000 horse power...15th Aug't.

Further departures: September 6, 20; October 4, 26; November 22; December 18, 27.

DEPARTURES FROM BREMEN, respectively—Cowes, June 6, 13, 20, 27; July 11, 25; August 15, 29; September 12; October 3, 17; November 1, 25; December 5, 12.

RATES OF PASSAGE, payable in gold, or its equivalent in currency, from NEW-YORK TO BREMEN, stopping at Cowes and Southampton:

First cabin, $105; second cabin, $62 50; steerage, $37 50.

FROM BREMEN, &c., TO NEW-YORK:

First cabin, $105; second cabin, $80; steerage, $45.

RETURN TICKETS: First cabin, $205; second cabin, $132 50; steerage, $77 50.

For freight or passage, apply to
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SCOTIA leaves New-York Wednesday, August 8.
CHINA leaves Boston Wednesday, Aug. 15.
JAVA leaves New-York Wednesday, Aug. 22.

RATES FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage.....$132 50
Second Cabin Passage.....80 00

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Chief Cabin Passage.....$112 50
Second Cabin Passage.....65 00

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Berths not secured until paid for.

An experienced surgeon on board.

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BY THE
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FULTON, S. SAMUELS.....Saturday, Aug. 4, 1866.
ARAGO, HENRY A. GADSDEN....Saturday, Sept. 1, 1866.
FULTON, S. SAMUELS.....Saturday, Sept. 29, 1866.
ARAGO, HENRY A. GADSDEN.....Saturday, Oct. 27, 1866.
FULTON, S. SAMUELS.....Saturday, Nov. 24, 1866.

And every twenty-eight days thereafter.

PRICES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN GOLD

FIRST-CLASS:

Main Saloon.....$100 | Lower Saloon.....$80

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Passage to London, direct, $90, $60 and $30, payable in currency.

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ATALANTA, Capt. PINKHAM, from New-York, July 21.

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The elegant British iron steamship ATALANTA, 3,000 tons, will sail for London direct on SATURDAY, July 21, at noon, from Pier No. 3, North River.

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Passage money $100, gold or its equivalent.

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FOR HAVANA DIRECT.

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SATURDAY, July 21,

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NEW-YORK—ANTWERP.

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The Company's 3-3. G. I. I Veritas iron screw steamship

CIRCASSIAN,

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JULY 31.—NEW-YORK, WEIR, connecting SACRAMENTO, CAVELLY.

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EXCURSIONS.

STEAM EXCURSION AMONG THE ICEBERGS.

The steamship COMMERCE, under charge of Capt. J. W. DODGE, will leave Boston on the 25th inst., for an EXCURSION TO LABRADOR,

touching at Sandy Cove, C. B., St. Johns, N. F., and other places of interest, meeting, most probably, the Atlantic Telegraph Fleet, and returning by way of Charlottetown, P. E. I.

This excursion, being the thirteenth which Capt. Dodge has made to this locality, will afford one of the most healthy and pleasant ways of spending the month of August. The splendid steaming and sailing, the delightful scenery, the salubrious air and cool climate, the safety from cholera and other epidemics, all combine to render the excursion a most enjoyable attraction one.

Good accommodations and attendance will be provided for passengers of either sex. Cabin passage, covering all expenses, $250. As the steamer will sail promptly the day named, places should be secured at once. For particulars address J. W. DODGE, Hampton Falls, N. H., or FRANKLIN SNOW & CO., No. 4 Commercial-st., Boston.

Tickets to be obtained of F. SNOW & CO.

DAILY EXCURSION
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Giving passengers about five hours at Long Branch.

On and after Thursday, July 19, the steamboat
META
will leave the Pier, south side of Barclay-st. Ferry, (the berth of the Sea-shore Railroad boat,) at 8 A. M., and connect at Sandy Hook with the Long Branch and Sea-shore Railroad for Long Branch.

Returning, will leave Long Branch at 4 P. M.

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DAILY EXCURSIONS DOWN THE BAY.—Delightful Summer excursions by the favorite steamer JESSE HOYT, daily, (Sundays excepted,) from Pier No. 23, foot of Duane-st., North River, at 11 A. M., embracing a sail through the Narrows and Lower Bay past Forts Lafayette and Hamilton, &c., to Port Monmouth, returning to New-York, arriving at 2:30 P. M. Fare for the round trip 75 cents; children under 10 years of age half price.

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STEAMBOAT LINE FOR BRIDGEPORT.

The steamboat BRIDGEPORT, Capt. CHAS. WEEKS, leaves New-York daily (Sundays excepted) from Pier No. 35 East River, foot of Catharine-st., at 5 o'clock P. M., connecting with Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroads, arriving at Bridgeport in time for the accommodation trains on New-York and New-Haven Railroad going east and west. Returning—Will leave Bridgeport, from Naugatuck Railroad wharf, EVERY NIGHT (Saturdays excepted) at 11 o'clock P. M. The new and splendid steamer J. B. SCHUYLER, Capt. JOAN MCNEIL, leaves New-York from same pier EVERY AFTERNOON (Sundays excepted) at 3:30 P. M., arriving at Bridgeport in time to connect with the New-York and New-Haven Railroad train for Stratford, Milford and New-Haven. Returning—Will leave Bridgeport from Housatonic Railroad wharf daily (Sundays excepted) at 7½ A. M., on arrival of early morning trains on Housatonic, Naugatuck and New-York and New-Haven Railroads. Freight received daily and forwarded at lowest rates.

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Maps, Time Tables and Tickets at Railway Guide and Dutch Guide of Connecticut River Valley.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, May 14, 1866, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:

7:45 A. M.—Express train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, etc.; at Albany with trains for Saratoga and the North; and at Troy for Saratoga Springs, Rutland, Burlington and Montreal.

4 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with trains for West, and at Troy with trains for Rutland, Burlington and Montreal.

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7 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars, connecting at Troy with through cars for Montreal.

11 P. M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-car attached, and through to Albany and Troy. Connection for Troy will be made at East Albany.

11 P. M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-car attached, and through to Albany and Troy in the morning, and connecting with trains for North and West.

WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

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7:45 A. M.—Day Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and all points West and South.

9:30 A. M.—Way Train for Otisville.

10:45 A. M.—Express Mail, Buffalo, Salamanca and West.

3 P. M.—Way Train, for Middletown.

4:30 P. M.—Express, for Newburgh, Warwick, Suffern and Way Stations.

5:30 P. M.—Night Express, Buffalo, Salamanca and Dunkirk.

7 P. M.—Lightning Express, daily, for Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and all points West and South.

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LONG ISLAND RAILROAD—SPRING TIME TABLE FROM MAY 7.

8 A. M., for Greenport and way stations.
10:30 A. M., for Syosset and way stations.
3:30 P. M., Express train, for Greenport.
4:30 P. M., for Syosset and way stations.
5:30 P. M., for North Islip and way stations, and on Saturday nights to Yaphank.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD SUNDAY TRAIN.—A special train will be run to and from New-York, Poughkeepsie and intermediate stations, every SUNDAY until further notice, commencing June 8; leaving 30th-st. depot at 9 A. M., arriving in Poughkeepsie at 12:20 P. M. Special Returning leave Poughkeepsie at 3:30 P. M., arriving at New-York at 7 P. M.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont at 5:00 and 9:12 A. M. and 1:15, 4:22, 5:23 and 6:25 P. M. Saturdays only at 11:15 P. M. The 9:12, 4:22, and 6:25 run through to Monroe.

THOMAS W. DEMAREST, Superintendent.

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A. WILSON HOUSE, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—The subscribers would announce that the new and spacious Hotel built and furnished in the most improved and modern style, is now open for boarders and the traveling public. There are about one hundred large and airy rooms, supplied with water and gas. The house contains baths and every convenience, and is in all respects a first-class hotel. Persons from the cities will find this a desirable place to spend the warm season. The Hoosac Tunnel, Greylock and Hoosac Mountains, the Cascade and Natural Bridge are all in the immediate vicinity. Good trouting and driving, and beautiful scenery render this a delightful resort for pleasure-seekers. A telegraph office in the house to all parts of the country. The place is easily accessible by three trains daily, South and West, connecting with New-York and Boston. The house is attached to the hotel a large and commodious hall, adapted to concerts and other entertainments. Arrangements for board can be made upon immediate application to

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STETSON HOUSE, LONG BRANCH, June 25.

THE STETSON HOUSE IS NOW OPEN for the accommodation of guests. Room can be secured on application at the Astor House, New-York, or by telegraph or letter to Long Branch.

C. A. STETSON, JR., & CO.

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AUCTION SALES.

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Will sell on FRIDAY, July 20, 1866,

At 1 o'clock P. M.,

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SALE OF GOVERNMENT STEAMERS AND VESSEL EFFECTS.

DEPOT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
BALTIMORE, Md., July 11, 1866.

Will be sold at Baltimore, Md., on TUESDAY, July 24, 1866, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at their anchorage, south side of basin, the following-named vessels, together with all their stores, anchors, boats, &c., belonging to them now on board, viz:

The JOHN ADAMS, side-wheel double end ferry-boat of 474 tons; length on deck 148 feet; breadth of beam 32 feet; over all 80 feet; depth of hold 11 feet 2 inches; draft 7 feet; has one low-pressure inclined engine; diameter of cylinder—inches; stroke of piston 9 feet; well found in all her outfits; hull good as new, but slight repairs required to machinery.

The ACHILLES, side-wheel steamer of 325 tons; length on deck 100 feet; breadth of beam 24 feet; over all 46 feet; depth of hold 8 feet; draft 5 feet; has one low-pressure beam engine; diameter of cylinder 31 inches; stroke of piston 10 feet; in good running order, with stores on board.

The MAYFLOWER, side-wheel steamer of about 400 tons; length on deck 164 feet; breadth of beam 23 feet; over all 45 feet; depth of hold 8 feet; draft 5 feet; has one low-pressure beam engine; diameter of cylinder 38 inches; stroke of piston 8 feet; in running order, with stores on board.

The ISLAND CITY, side-wheel steamer of 198 tons; length on deck 158 feet; breadth of beam 22 feet; over all 36 feet; depth of hold 5 feet

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

BOYS.

The City Animal Known as "Streetboy"—His Habits and his Habitat.

It is a funny thing, but there are a great many folks who can't see anything that is not a great way off. It is so with regard to one city species of the *genus homo*—the animal known as Streetboy. We mean the little ragamuffins of our streets who sell papers, who black boots, who are ready to do any sort of odd job you'll trust 'em with, and whom we tumble over by twos and threes at every street-crossing which the recent rain has covered with mud.

Did it ever occur to you that the chances are a thousand to one that the first friend you meet can tell you far less of them, their habits and their haunts, than he can about the "Poor Joey" who was always "movin' on" so sadly through the *Bleak House* of Mr. CHARLES DICKENS—or the "Artful Dodger," or "Charley Bates," of that same incomparable delineatory character? The sorrows of little "Oliver Twist" and his young companion, who stole out, cautiously and trembling, for fear of Beadleian eyes, to kiss him through the grim bars of the workhouse gate; or of "Smike," the wretched drudge of "Dotheboys Hall," or of little wandering "Nell" and her half imbecile grandfather, have touched, here, in our own New-York, many a heart that never felt for the hundreds of our own poor "Smikes" and "Olivers," and disconsolate little "Nells," and have brought tears to many an eye that never moistened for the misery it must daily see here all the time before it. If we could have set down for us by a master hand upon a printed page, the home history of the eager little face that looks into your cosy breakfast room some cold and snowy Winter morning, with the well-known "Clean off your steps, Sir—do it for a shilling," we might only too often find an unwritten story quite as pathetic as any of the fictitious ones over which we have so freely wept. And could we know the sad necessity that has sent the shivering youngster out into the biting cold which chills his blood, and paints his little nose blue, his little fingers red, and his bare little toes white, all with the same touch of its cruel breat—could we but always know what urgent need the hard-earned "shillin'" might that morning satisfy, we would perhaps give oftener the kind assent and not the gruff refusal—would sometimes give hot breakfast and not so often cold shoulder.

What is it after all that the little vagabond desires? The poor chance to work a long hour in the chilly morning air, with his feet, too often naked, up to the ankles in snow and slush, and his hands, always bare, half the time also in the snow, and all for a "shillin'." These little adventurers often work in pairs, and there are few of us who have not heard their cheery talk and admired their plucky good nature while they dug and delved away at the frozen snow with shovel and broom, speculating all the while on the magnificent purchases to be achieved when the "splendid shilling" shall be fairly won. But perhaps it is best to pass just now from the contemplation of the sorrows of the boys engaged in the snow and ice business, lest we ruin all their hopes of future favors. It is hard to get up any great amount of commiseration for boys who shovel ice and dig in snow, and have rather a superfluity than otherwise of cool breezes, when, while we read, the thermometer stands at 97° in the shade.

The bootblacking business is a favorite one with the Streetboy, it pays well and is not particularly hard work; to black an average pair of boots will require from 5 to 7 minutes, for which service the Streetboy charges 10 cents, and generally gets it, though sometimes he only can get five; but if he doesn't get but five it is never for lack of charging ten.

Does the wood merchant dump at your door a load of unsawed fine wood to be used for kindling—straightway from every point of every compass appears the Streetboy eager for the job of sawing and splitting it. You will have in an hour 20 eager applicants for the job if you delay your bargain so long. Not one among them all will have a saw or saw-horse, an axe, a hatchet or even a jack-knife, but engage one of them, and in fifteen minutes he will return with all the requisite tools, though he will probably commence operations by trying to borrow them of you yourself.

Is there a ton of coal to be put in, straightway as crows a cornfield do the eager Streetboys scent out the chance for a dinner. As in the case of the kindling-wood affair, not one of them has a proper tool; no basket or shovel is to be seen, but they evidently know the bank wherein the coal baskets grow, for two or three of them the job, and presto! in five minutes, be the same more or less, he will produce all the necessary apparatus. In the coal and kindling-wood business, however, the Streetboy finds formidable rivals in the men who hang round the coal-yards, ever on the lookout for such chances.

Have you the happiness to own a "front yard," and are you the fortunate possessor of a grass-plot as big as a bedquilt, or even a pocket handkerchief? If so, about twenty-seven times a day will your area door-bell be rung and the request preferred, "Want your grass cut?" As in the two other just-mentioned cases, the applicants have again no tools—no scythe nor sickle; but nevertheless, if you give them a chance, they'll find a way to do the work. In fact, unless you want the life worried out of your kitchen girl by being required to perpetually answer the area bell, you *must* have your grass cut, and you must keep it cut—shaved so close that there shall be no more grass on your lawn than there is blue hair on a billiard ball, or the boys will torment you before your time.

In his capacity of newspaper vender, or "newsboy," who does not know the Streetboy, and who has not, at one time or another, been the victim of his "tricks and his manners?"—who has not often purchased an aged and decrepit newspaper nearly three days old, or bought "extras" without a particle of extra intelligence. Oh! a sharp bird and a gay boy is the howling newsboy of the streets. But under this one constitution, it is considered no disgrace to be *sold* by a newsboy. In fact, some of them are such great jokers, and so fond of the sport, that some days they sell more people than they do newspapers.

But the life of the Streetboy is by no means "all work and no play," which we all know "makes Jack a dull boy." On the contrary, they have so much play that most of them are particularly bright boys. The Streetboy takes his gentlemanly pleasure at the theatre, and he usually honors with his patronage the two Bowery Theatres, notably the "Old" Bowery. And, strange as it may seem, there are scores of these lads, who being either homeless, or whose homes are worse than none, go to the theatre solely for rest and sleep. It is no discredit to the actors to say this; it is not that the play is dull, but that the boy is tired. With the entire standard drama the Streetboy is familiar, and so capital a critic is he, and so bluntly honest and outspoken in his artistic judgments that any actor would far rather attempt a new part before a Broadway than a Bowery audience. But, as we began to say, in the cold, long, Winter nights, the day's work being done, and their business of selling papers requiring them to be up at 3 or 4 in the morning, these tired, ragged boys may be seen trooping into the theatres, each intent only to find some soft seat whereon he can bestow himself, and in the light, warm room sleep till after midnight—from thence to the hallways of the printing offices is but a short distance, and there, curled up like dogs on the steam-heated floors they slumber till the clank of the press calls them to the work of another day.

The Streetboy has other pleasures; he dearly enjoys his stolen ride in the front or rear platform, where he holds until the merciless whip of the driver admonishes him to descend.

In the parks his gambols on the green are wonderful to behold. He plays marbles, too, in season, and pitches pennies in all seasons, and in both games always plays "for keeps." In Winter he diverts himself with sliding on the walks or in the frozen gutters. If an old pair of skates can be procured, there are two of the Streetboy tribe made happy. Each putting on a single skate, "many an hour they'll while away," careless of the world, and seemily unconscious that the rule of the better regulated skating clubs require two skates to be worn at once.

Though the Children's Aid Society, the Newsboy's Lodging-house and kindred establishments have done much for these youths, many of them must of necessity grow up to lead terrible lives. A great responsibility rests somewhere. Let all give them work whenever they seem honestly seeking it, and we shall thereby, in a small way, confer the truest alms. But, above all, let those who have money to give, aid with every dime that can be spared those societies and those men who strive so hard to remove these boys from the City to pleasant country homes. These have done much, are doing much, and, could they have money to work with, could do much more. Cannot the Foreign Missions rest awhile, while the charitable strength of our City is diverted to these Home Missions, which are doing all they know to save these little ones, who are, many of them, going to destruction before our very eyes?

The Weather.

After a night so hot that sleep was an impossibility, a pleasant change in the temperature was experienced yesterday morning. In fact, the "heated term" was cut short, and New-York breathed again. A pleasant breeze was blowing all day, and although the thermometers in Broadway indicated 90 degrees, the heat was not felt to be oppressive.

It is to be hoped that a Summer which has commenced with such extreme heat will become a little more mild toward the end, but all prognostications and speculations on the weather appear to be just good for nothing. The *savans* told us that in consequence of the melting of the immense fields of ice collected near Iceland and the North Pole, this present Summer would be remarkably short and cool. If they call this cool, then they must consider an oven a pleasant abiding-place. The fact is, that neither the late Mr. MERRIAM, who was supposed to know as much about the weather as any other man; Admiral FITZROY, Mr. GLAISHER, nor any of the other celebrated meterologists, have been able to predict with any certainty what twenty-four hours will bring forth. Happy are they who can escape from the Sun-baked city to rural haunts and scenes. Happier they who can seek a less fervid clime than this. We read of an expedition to sail during the month which is to visit the regions of icebergs. Who wouldn't go that had the time and money to spare? In the meantime those who haven't the time and the money must just make the best of it, and reflect that they might be worse off in Calcutta, Africa or on the Mosquito coast, than in New-York.

Weather, Worms, and Various Things.

The farmers and other folks, who, in the early Spring, growled and grumbled so much at the backwardness of the season and the coldness of the weather, ought surely to be satisfied with the present state of meteorological facts—it must be hot enough to suit them anyhow—but then, of course, the farmers must growl, if they didn't they couldn't live. Farmers, sailors and Englishmen seem to do pretty much all the chronic grumbling; the two latter claim the privilege, and the former take it anyhow.

The New-York public, however, have to congratulate themselves upon one most desirable result of the early cold weather—it has succeeded in killing off nearly all those disgusting brutes, the measuring-worms or inch-worms, which were the horror of ladies, and the excuse of gentlemen for saying the naughty words the ladies only thought, or thought they thought; for we once heard a pretty sizeable oath issue from a nice little mouth, when an unusually long string of dangling worms had nearly fallen between the delicately soft lips; and she didn't know it; she imagined she had only "thought damn," as usual. But it didn't hurt her a bit; and we—well we thought just as she did.

We don't mean to say that there were no inch-worms this year; there were, and only too many of them too, but the countless myriads which have heretofore made their appearance every June, stripping our loveliest trees of their delicate foliage, were this Summer reduced to a few millions only. Some trees in the parks were injured by them, but the streets and the walks in the squares were not this year made for weeks a terror to ladies, by the little black, jerking, doubling-up, eight-legged, beastly monsters; at any rate, the streets were not positively impassable, as we have all seen them in former years.

The device of fastening circular grooved strips of metal about the trees, the groove being filled with petroleum or some other substance offensive to most insects and worms, proved ineffective against the inch-worm. This plan was tried at Gramercy Park, but without avail. Wherever the worms appeared at all, the trees thus prepared were no exception to their presence. This would seem to prove that the worm is hatched in the tree from eggs deposited the preceding season by the millers or moths into which the worms are transformed, and that the worms do not issue from the ground in the Spring and climb up the bark, as some have imagined. Certainly no climbing worm or insect could reach from the ground the limbs of a tree protected as are those in Gramercy Park. In Greenwood Cemetery and in Central Park it was very noticeable that these worms were fewer than ever before. The gardeners and entomologists say that their eggs were many of them killed by the severe and continued cold weather and cold rains of the early Spring. In fact, cold seems to be as fatal to the measuring-worm, when it can get fairly at him, as is neat to the dreaded trichina of the swire family.

It is hoped, also, that there will hereafter be a diminution in the numbers of the voracious little insect known as the "rose bug." Heretofore, in the Greenwood particularly, its ravages have been frightful. Many of the choicest roses, sweet-briars and other tender plants have been destroyed utterly, or so completely overrun as to be unapproachable in the season of blossoming. If by any means these two pests could be extirpated from our parks, gardens and cemeteries, we should truly and heartily rejoice thereat. Strange to say, however, the birds, which greedily devour almost every other sort of worm or insect, have refused to eat these two destroyers of our foliage. Much, however, is still hoped from the lately-imported English sparrows, as soon as they have had sufficient time to "increase and multiply" to be sufficient unged many to make themselves able to cope with the myriad millions of their foes.

THE NATIONAL GUARD.

Perfect Stagnation in Military Affairs—The Enrollment and Recruiting—Miscellaneous Gossip.

Owing to the heat and the Summer vacations granted to so many members of the National Guard, the military movements of the week may be summed up in a very few words.

In these hot and sweltering days the National Guardsmen remaining in town cannot bear the sight of a gleaming musket, and the very thought of his tight-buttoned jacket throws him into a state of perspiration quite unpleasant. He scarcely ever visits the Armory, and only looks in at the regular Company meeting to see how the treasury is getting on, and to hear of some more fortunate brother-in-arms who is luxuriating in mountain scenery or rolling in the thundering surf of some Atlantic sea-bathing resort. The muskets are suffered to lie undisturbed in their racks, and the armorer for a time has leisure for other duties than polishing rifles and oiling stocks after a parade or drill. The solemn echoes of the drill-room are silent, and are never wakened by the tramp of company or battalion, or the ringing of muskets as they come crashing to the floor. Now and then some more ambitious Drum-Major enters with his corps, and after burning on sufficient gas to make the gloom more visible, sets the boys to making more racket than music, thereby causing much discomfort to the rats and mice who usually hold high carnival on these warm Summer nights.

Nobody thinks of parades or reviews, and the General who would venture upon issuing an order for the assembling of his command would find a sorry response to the summons. Every one, these scorching days, pays more attention to the state of the thermometer and the rate of his pulse, than looking for holiday parades or evening drills. The heated term is on, and the National Guard have succumbed, now that we are in the days of peace; many remembering long marches on just such days, while serving Uncle Sam and strengthening the hands of the gallant volunteers under HOOKER, MEADE and SHERIDAN. Visions of dusty columns tolling slowly, through Pennsylvania, their tired feet keeping time to the distant music of the guns dealing out death at Gettysburgh, flit through the mind's eye of many a militiaman, as he lolls in easy-chair reading the news of a European war, and he heaves a thankful sigh that for him the perils and fatigues of war have passed away.

THE ENROLLMENT

continues to be the leading topic of conversation in military circles, as well as in general society. We hear of several members of the National Guard receiving notices of enrollment in two or three different regiments, and they are considerably nonplussed now to act in such cases. The whole affair appears to be a farce, for no matter how a person acts he is required to pay certain fees, so that it in reality amounts to a tax for no real benefit to the State. We understand that in our answer to a correspondent last week we made a serious mistake in stating that the fine for non-attendance to be only twenty-five cents, whereas it should have read $1. The reason why we were misled was that our informant stated that the fees for exemption papers was 25 cents. We understand, however, that an attempt is being made to collect 75 cents. The officers of enrollment are gentlemen of intelligence and good standing, but their efforts to enroll our citizens in the militia is not looked on with favor, and probably but few will enter the ranks. A few dollars may be collected in the way of fines, but we imagine the sum total will be of little service to the State. A member of the Twenty-second Regiment has received two different notices of enrollment, one for the Third Cavalry, and the other in the Twelfth Regiment, Infantry. It can hardly be expected that he should file exemption papers at a cost of fifty cents, and perhaps three times that amount, while doing active duty in the ranks of his own Regiment. And in cases of discharged volunteers who find themselves enrolled in a militia regiment, it seems to be a very hard case that they should be compelled to pay a fee to enable them to claim exemption from militia-duty, after having risked their lives in the field.

MISCELLANEOUS GOSSIP.

The members of Company B, Twenty-second Regiment, under command of Capt. W. W. RENNY, intend soon taking their annual pleasure trip. They will either visit Bridgeport or Long Branch, the place not yet having been determined upon. The occasion will no doubt be pleasant and profitable.

The Jersey Blues will hold their annual encampment on the 24th inst., at Long Branch, when they expect to make a good appearance in point of numbers.

Company D, of the Eighth Regiment, intend going on their annual excursion to St. Ronan's Well on the 16th inst. Capt. PENDERTY's command will no doubt succeed in having a good time.

During the month of August the Twenty-second Regiment Armory will remain closed, to allow Mr. ARNOLD, the armorer, a vacation. The regular monthly meetings of the several companies will be omitted in that month.

SLUMS OF BROOKLYN.

Dr. Crane on the Brooklyn Authorities—The Twelfth Ward.

At the last meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Health, Dr. CRANE introduced the subject of the public health in Brooklyn, and in this connection he exhibited a table which he had made up from the bulletins of Assistant Sanitary Superintendent STILES, showing by Wards the number of cholera cases reported in Brooklyn from the 1st down to and including the 13th inst., as follows:

	Confirmed.	Not Confirmed.	Uncertain.
Third Ward	1	0	0
Fourth Ward	1	2	1
Fifth Ward	0	2	1
Sixth Ward	0	3	0
Ninth Ward	1	0	1
Tenth Ward	0	2	0
Twelfth Ward	5	2	1
Seventeenth Ward	1	0	0
Nineteenth Ward	1	0	1

Dr. CRANE remarked: One question of interest here is this—half of these cases of confirmed cholera occurred in one ward, the Twelfth. This ward is in the vicinity of the Atlantic Dock and below Hamilton-avenue. In this ward there is no drainage, the land is very low, and when the tide rises a good many lots are covered with water. There is no sewerage in this ward, and there are a great many vacant and sunken lots containing stagnant water. Privies are wretchedly built and overflowing in many cases. That is the condition of the Twelfth Ward. This Board recently passed a resolution referring the matter to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, who have the power to grant a pier for the privilege of dumping night soil from this ward. The question was referred to them by a committee and there it sleeps. Since that time the Superintendent and the Mayor, personally and conjunctively, have had interviews with the Alderman of the Twelfth Ward, and strongly urged him to grant a pier for the purpose of removing the night soil from the City, but he has always refused, on the ground that it would be displeasing to his constituents. Now all the night soil from that ward has to be carried two and a half miles to the nearest pier where dumping is permitted, at the foot of Clinton-avenue. Thus the route is directly through the finest portion of the city, by which this vile, excrementitious matter is carted to the wharves. Those facts have all been presented to this Alderman, and he has been urged to surrender a pier for the use of this ward. When the Committee previously referred to met in Brooklyn, and this Alderman was appealed to, he was perfectly willing to vote away piers in any ward, but very fearful of granting a pier for the removal of the filth in his own. The consequence is that half the cases of confirmed cholera in Brooklyn have occurred in that filthy ward. Now the question is, "What is the Board of Health to do?" Dr. CRANE did not know that they could do anything more than they were doing. The ward is principally occupied by the Irish element, whereas the Sixteenth Ward, the next most unhealthy, is occupied by Germans, and is situated in an opposite part of the city, though nearly the same in its general condition. The Inspectors had found that the latter population was very susceptible to influences arising from stagnant water and deficient drainage. They had a long list of zymotic diseases in their ward. In many cellars of that ward the water stood from two to sixteen inches deep. Those two wards, then, whose general conditions were much the same presented the greatest mortality. The Board had the simple explanation of this mortality and the causes leading to it. In those wards where the Brooklyn Aldermen had cooperated with the Board in the least degree they are now suffering from the greatest mortality.

Judge BOSWORTH asked whether the Aldermen alone had the power to designate the pier?

Dr. CRANE replied that that power had been delegated to the Aldermen.

Judge BOSWORTH asked whether the Common Council could not take action upon it?

Dr. CRANE said they could, but that they had not manifested any desire to do so. Every motion that had been made upon the subject had been smothered in committee. He also remarked that the scavengers had to go so far for the night soil, and to cart it so far, that they would not go for it. The fault of this did not lie with the Board, but it was desirable that it should be known where the fault lay.

President SCHULTZ said that from the circumstances it was impossible that this part of the city should be cleaned except at public expense; but there was such a feeling of antipathy among the people, and in the Common Council of both wards, against the Board, that they would not do it. The Mayor had issued a permit to allow persons to dump portions of the night-soil off the pier. He (the President) had taken some responsibility on himself; he had told Mr. FRANCIS SWIFT that, if he should be down in that neighborhood, he should have orders to execute, and a place would be found to put the matter where they would not be affected the public health; and he presumed he was doing so, for he dumped forty loads into a public dock last night. He proposed to see forty or fifty loads dumped into the water at every pier south of South Ferry. He was determined to save the people of that part of the from disease. Numerous complaints came in from that quarter, and, no doubt, the case was very bad. Mr. SWIFT had called at his office, and said if he would let him up with forty loads he would be satisfied. But he informed Mr. SWIFT that he would be pleased to have him distribute his favors as much as possible. He supposed it was not exactly a legal way of disposing of the matter, but he could see no valid objection to it, since the contents of the privy deposits went into the sewers of New-York and Brooklyn, and thus into the river, as it was, and there was no sufficient reason why the other three-tenths should not go there too. As to sending disinfectants for Brooklyn, they would, of course, be charged to the Common Council. He proposed to send a few barrels of disinfectants for that ward tomorrow. As to the garbage, the nuisance still exists. The scheme of removing the garbage under the action of the Board, seemed a very impracticable way of dealing with the matter. They said they had no money, and no power to take action on the point themselves.

Dr. CRANE remarked that one Alderman had already frittered away the $3,500 allowed him, which should have lasted a year. He was of opinion that when the Inspectors made their report of any nuisance it would take fifteen days to abate it, and the garbage would have to lie there the whole time before it was removed.

Judge BOSWORTH suggested that arrangements might be made to have it done in three days.

Dr. PARKER said that if cholera broke out they certainly could remove the garbage at once. But if the city could be kept clean they were safe against the cholera, as all the evidence tended to show.

Dr. CRANE wanted to know whether there was any power, or any stretch of their powers that would enable them to get away that garbage.

The President asked whether there would be any objection to their hiring, say one man and one cart, to work as they were now working in the Twelfth Ward of New-York, to gather up the garbage and remove it.

Mr. MANIERRE here moved that the President and Superintendent be authorized to employ such a number of men, horses and carts for the Fourth, Twelfth, Sixteenth and Twentieth Wards of Brooklyn, as may be necessary to remove the garbage, until the further orders of this Board.

This resolution was passed without a dissenting voice.

THE CHOLERA REPORTS.

Bulletin of Public Health—Five Cases Confirmed Yesterday.

The New-York bulletin of the Board of Health, for the twenty-four hours ending at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, bore only the following record: "Dr. HALLOCK reports a mild case of cholera at No. 205 Henry-street. Premises in good order, and have been thoroughly disinfected."

An evening journal has the following: "Mr. WILLIAM MATTHEWS, of No. 349 Canal-street, was taken ill with all the symptoms of Asiatic cholera on Thursday night. He had been spending the evening with a friend in Brooklyn, and on his return was seized with cramps and vomiting to such an extent that he became speechless for several hours. A physician attended him, and pronounced it to be a case of cholera of the Asiatic type. Early on Friday morning he was given up by his medical attendant, but in the course of the day he rallied, and is now in a fair way for recovery."

The Brooklyn official bulletin, yesterday, has the following: Mrs. BYWATER, southeast corner of Gates and Marcy avenues; attacked on the 13th inst. and died the same day. JOHANNA HARNES, King-street, between Van Brunt and Richard streets; now in a state of collapse, and will probably die. HENRY LOTT, Flatlands, attacked on the 12th inst.; attended by Dr. T. M. INGRAHAM; now recovering. At 11 o'clock on Saturday a case was reported at the corner of Putnam-avenue and Downing-street. Dr. R. C. STILES started to examine the case, and will officially report it if found to be genuine cholera.

In Hoboken, yesterday forenoon, a printer named DAVID FITZGERALD, residing at No. 204 Hester-street, New-York, and temporarily employed at the Hudson County *Democrat* office, fell insensible in Washington-street. When taken to the Police-station, his body was cold, his teeth were set, and his arms and legs cramped up. Mr. CHAPEL, the station-keeper, pried open FITZGERALD'S mouth and administered a dose, which, in ten minutes, caused a profuse prespiration. A second dose was administered to the sick man, and at the end of two hours he was convalescent. FITZGERALD had been working in a room where there was a steam boiler, and had drunk freely of ice water.

The reports by police telegraph, last evening, were as follows: MARY ANN DEMPSEY died suddenly, supposed cholera, at about 5 o'clock, at No. 6 Broadway. There is a sure case of cholera at No. 286 West Thirteenth-street, in the rear, near the gas-houses. The patient is in collapse. Disinfectants have been sent.

A SINGULAR RECOVERY FROM CHOLERA.

The following singular fact is related by the *Mémorial d'Amiens*, in speaking of the cholera: "During the Summer of 1848, toward the end of June, the epidemic reached Brussels, when it attacked, one Sunday in the forenoon, Gen. GHENAL, Minister of War, who gradually sank, and by 11 o'clock on that night was in an almost hopeless state, notwithstanding the attendance of four medical men, including Dr. SENTIS, the first surgeon of Brussels, and Dr. VARLET, a celebrated homœopathic practitioner. At 8 the following morning all was considered over, the face having assumed a blue tinge, and the pulse having ceased so that the General's death was communicated to the royal family and announced in the public journals, whence it was copied throughout Europe. Meanwhile, an incidental reference by Gen. JOMINI, before the attendants in the sick chamber of a remedy had recourse to in Russia, where sacks filled with hot ashes were placed on the body of the patient, induced the General's aides-de-camp to try the plan, and after six hours of incessant perseverance the remedy proved efficacious, the body resuming its natural hue, and animation being restored. The General subsequently recovered, and is still Minister of War in Belgium."

THE PORTLAND SUFFERERS.

Meeting of the Relief Committee—Additional Subscriptions.

The Citizens' General Relief Committee held another meeting yesterday afternoon, at the Chamber of Commerce. The Chairman, Mr. R. P. BUCK, acknowledged the receipt of $800 from the Produce Exchange. The following letter from Mayor HOFFMAN was read:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, July 13, 1866.

A. A. Low, Esq., Treasurer, &c.:

DEAR SIR: I have made two remittances to the Mayor of Portland, one of $1,161 56, and the other of $378 33.

Some contributions are yet coming to me as Mayor.

As my proclamation stated that I would forward direct to the Mayor of Portland, I have done so, instead of sending them to you as Treasurer of the Merchants' Committee.

If, however, you deem it desirable and proper, I will send you all contributions I may receive after this date. Please answer. JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

A motion was put and carried thanking the Mayor for his cooperation.

The Secretary, Mr. NOYES, stated that Adams Express Company had forwarded during one day this week five car-loads of clothing and provisions, and on another two car-loads. The expenses incurred by this Company, which is their contribution to the sufferers, in forwarding supplies has averaged $12? per day.

A letter from a gentleman of Portland was read, of which the following is a copy:

OFFICE OF THE OCEAN INSURANCE COMPANY, PORTLAND, Me., July 13, 1866.

John S. Tappan, Esq., Vice-President Union Mutual Insurance Company, New-York City:

DEAR SIR: * * * I took the liberty of showing your very kind letter to the Committees for the relief of the destitute. Your kind and generous feelings are appreciated. As you say in your letter, there are many cases of deserving Americans that are suffering for the necessaries of life, and those cases are the most difficult to find out, but they are constantly being sought after, and aid furnished as fast as possible to them. There are many cases of widows and maiden ladies that were in receipt of an income just sufficient to supply their wants before the fire, that now have not enough to cover their nakedness. There are many cases of widows, with families of small children, in destitution, that are now suffering destitute of food and clothing. They can draw rations by going to the proper place, but many of them are sensitive, and will suffer hunger rather than mix with the throng that daily gather at the Commission for food. I cannot furnish you with the names of any of these parties, for I am not sufficiently acquainted with them, and as soon as they are discovered they are relieved as far as the means of the parties will go.

The different parishes are looking up the suffering in their own districts as far and as fast as possible, and are, I think, doing a noble work. Should you desire to aid some of these worthy cases directly or through your Committee, if you will forward the amount to me I will see that it goes to a deserving case, and render you an account of how the money is disposed of. Or, should you desire to send direct to one of these relief committees, I will give you the name of Mrs. Jacob McLELLAN, wife of Ex-Mayor McLELLAN, a lady that is doing an immense deal of good by looking up the deserving cases personally, and has devoted her whole time to it ever since the fire.

There are many instances where a small amount applied direct will relieve severe suffering. Our people here are doing all they possibly can to aid and assist those that were unfortunate as we have all the surrounding cities. Your own city has exceeded others in the amounts of their gifts to the poor here. There are so many instances of imposition in drawing rations, and asking for aid in other ways, that the committee necessarily have to be very strict and particular in dealing out to them.

This keeps away many that would otherwise come forward and make their cases known.

Again thanking you for your very kind letter, I remain, Sir, CHAS. W. FORD.

The letter was ordered on file.

Additional subscriptions were acknowledged as follows:

Already acknowledged	$53,138	A. R. Eno	$200
J. E. Candiet & Co	100	J. Boorman, Johnston & Co	250
E. & J. Willets & Co	10	Dubois, Vandervoort & Co	100
N. Y. and Schuylkill Coal Co	300	Chas. A. Rockefeller	200
Gordon, Fellows & McMillan	100	"R. J. & E. C. J."	7
Hallett & Robbins	100	Byrd & Hall	100
J. E. Williams	100	"G. R."	100
Geo. I. Seney	100	Geo. D. H. Gillespie	20
P. Hanford	50	Walter T. Miller	100
Geo. C. McCaffery	20	Butler & Pitkin	50
Elliott C. Cowdin	100	Montrose A. Wood	150
Joseph H. Allen	25	John Hooper & Co	25
Josiah Bevin	10	Fairbanks & Co	100
Bail, Black & Co	10	Wm. H. Storm	25
Samuel Marsh	10	B. R. Kip	10
O. De Forest Grant	5	Mrs. And'w C. Brown	100
Females	10	Peter T. Wing & Co	100
R. R. Alden	10	Warren Chemical and Manufacturing Co	50
S. S. Jocelyn	10	Warren Bros. Oil Co	50
A. G. Brinckerhoff	25	Ferdinand Lawrence	25
Kent & Co	10	De Groot & Peck	5
R. R. Graves & Co	10	A. Heal & Co	10
Dix & Merrill	5	Waldron	50
Taylor & Merrian	5	Williamson, Griffith & Co	100
Charles Heusell	20	Mollers, Odell & Co	100
Matthew Wardle	10	Mayer & Landau	25
Wyckoff & Miller	10	M. F. Nicholson	20
Town asst	10	Hudson River Sugar Refinery	100
Steria Bros	10	Schuler Bros	100
Johnson & Lazarus	20	Total	$58,206
Newark Ottoman Sugar Refining Co	200		
Frances, Ockerman & Co	10		

The Committee then adjourned until Monday next.

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE WATCH AND JEWELRY TRADE.

Read, Taylor & Co	$100
Arthur Bonrril & Co	10
Black & Co	25
S. W. Chamberlain	25
Burbank Bros	25
Falkenan, Polzak & Co	25
Jo. Hunter	25
Starr & Marcus	25
Middleton & Bro	25
J. W. Pooler	25
Winkelspel & Openhemer	25
Birchenham, Cole & Hall	25
Nordmann Bros	20
H. C. Reed, Jr. & Co	10
Previously acknowledged	$2,125
Total	$2,685

Contributions may be handed in to FELLOWS & CO., No. 17 Maiden-lane, or to GILES, WALES & Co., No. 13 Maiden-lane, who will forward the funds.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY MAYOR HOFFMAN.

Previously acknowledged	$2,045 89
Barret Nephews & Co., Nos. 5 and 7 John-street	10 00
Taylor & Auerbortoff & Co., No. 324 Broadway	100 00
A. H. Muller, P. R. Wilkins & Co	50 00
Total	$2,295 89

The following is a synopsis of the contributions in this City, so far as reported:

Citizens' General Committee	$58,206 75
Produce Exchange	6,696 00
Board of Brokers	3,000 00
Open Board of Brokers	1,010 00
Gold Exchange	3,000 00
Watch and Jewelry Trade	2,685 50
Petroleum Board	1,000 00
Through the Mayor's Office	2,295 89
Through Messrs. Saxton & Raymond	5,500 00
Archbishop McCloskey and the Catholic Clergy, consisting	2,500 00
Scotch Thistle Association	150 00
Total contributions in New-York	$87,947 14
Add Brooklyn subscriptions, about	14,000 00
Grand total	$101,947 14

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CENTRAL PARK.

Good Music, but not as Many as there Should Have Been to Enjoy It—Who were There and who were Absent—Who Saw the Balloon, and how Much they Paid for the Sight—Where Reporters Have to go Sometimes for Items—What One of Them Saw—How He Felt All Over.

Yesterday the Park was, comparatively, but lightly patronized; and yet there has been no Saturday since the opening of the season when it offered so many attractions to the visitor. But what affection for its charms, what love for its shady ways, its fountains or its music; what yearning for the presence of him or her who is "met by chance, the usual way," as the song says, could resuscitate weak human nature, weak at best, after the two days' parboiling to which it was subjected on Thursday and Friday?

True, there was a joyous breeze blowing that earned the gratitude of all who put faith in it and ventured out, but the sun looked down with a horrid eye just all the same as the day before, and youth and beauty shrank away from it.

Around the music-stand there was a goodly crowd, but not large enough, we are sure, to gratify the expansive yearning of the DODWORTH, whose bill of fare deserved extensive patronage. He had, however, an appreciative audience, not only in the thousand gathered around the pavilion, but in another thousand scattered within earshot upon the common, nestling in groups around the trunks of the young shade trees and in the shadow of the awnings.

Following is the programme of the day:

PART I.

1. March, Bianca.....Burkhardt
2. Overture, La Muette de Portici.....Auber
3. Scherzo, L'Orologio—the clock.....Arditi
4. Waltz, La Messagera d'Amour.....Gounod

PART II.

5. Tour of Europe.....Conradi

[Synopsis.—Departure from Berlin by rail—Austris (Postilion sounds)—Switzerland (Ranz de Vaches Tyrolienne &c.,)—Italy (Tarantella, Viva l'Italia—France (Tartaut pour la Syrie)—Spain (Bolero Gitano, &c.,) on the sea—a storm—Scotland—England—Prussia—Polan—Hungary, and back to Berlin.]

6. Lucratia, Ma Letizia.....Verdi
7. March, Pi Propheti.....Meyerbeer
8. Episode of a night in Paris—The Patrol.....Kourakin

PART III.

9. Quadrille, "The Boudoir,".....Cooke
10. Aria, The Vacant Chair.....Griffin
11. Collection, The Shamrock Garland.....Dodworth
12. Galop, Il Corsicola.....De Grau

The selection was admirable, and the audience gave ample evidence that they thought so. The "Tour of Europe" is a happy combination of airs, and ought to be repeated on Saturday next, so that all the thousands who appreciate the Park music may have a chance to hear it. Those who were present yesterday, if we may judge from the manner of its reception by them, can bear the composition once again. Quite as much may be said for the "Shamrock Garland." Irish airs are always welcome and soul-stirring, yet it is but rarely indeed that they are wreathed together with such skill as in the "Garland."

Although as we have said the pedestrians in the Park were comparatively few in number, all who could command the shade of a carriage and the freedom which its soft cushions from muscular exertion afforded, took advantage of their good fortune in this respect, and rolled into the gates with a will. The drivers were therefore well furnished. but they had nevertheless a sombre look about them. You missed the airy nothings on two wheels, with its 2:40 pacer and the indomitable animal between the wheels, who, if he does no other good gives spirit to the picture. Flies are rude and reckless things, buzzing into all manner of forbidden places and creating a general feeling of insecurity in their presence, yet the Summer would be lonely without them. So with the whizzing machine in the Park with the rushing four legs, and the wing-like wheels, and the little thinking head, which if it can do naught else can wing a sulky round a curve *par excellence*.

You missed also the light baronche with its tenants done up in gossamer like ballet angels, and you missed among the equestrians the graceful riding habit and the jaunty hat, and the bit of color in the feather, and the poetry of motion realized only in a woman. In fact, you realized the absence not only of pleasing forms, but the wonted color of the picture was not there. Even as the Summer blossoms have withered, leaving but the browning green behind, it seemed as the burning sun of the dog-days had consumed all color and checked the glad flow of life in its most favored places.

On the heights above the lake many hundreds were gathered watching the ascent of the balloon from the amphitheatre. From this point, also, holders of outside tickets availed themselves of the chance their altitude afforded them of seeing LESLIE do queer things on the tight-rope, among which was the unique trick of carrying from one end of the tightened cord to the other, three buckets of water—one in each hand and one on his head—without spilling a drop. No ordinary mortal could have done this thing without kicking the bucket.

The news that some really horrible thing was to be done in a trapeze, which was seen pendant from the car of the balcon, one thousand feet in air, did not decrease the crowd of cheap sight-seers you may believe, neither did it fail to give business to the collector of tickets at the amphitheatre door. The promise that the horrible thing should come off was kept. At 6 o'clock the baloon went up with a gentleman of unquestionable courage and tights, but questionable respect for his own integrity of bone and sinew and other people's nerves, sitting upon that swinging perch called a trapeze, which a rooster would scorn to settle on. Up, up he went a thousand feet, twisting his toes gracefully into the vertical ropes near the perch, and casting a longing, lingering look behind, so long and so lingering, that as he wore crimson small clothes, it was rather difficult to say which was his head and which was his feet. When he got up, that is, he got his head up; this you knew because he kissed his hand with it in a most expressive manner, conveying as clear as print, that he was conscious of the fortuess of his over-taking and was mentally saying "see that, now." After swinging about up there